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CONSERVATIVE SETBACK

EARL DERBY NEXT PREMIER?

JUBILATION AMONGST LABOURITES

(Reuters Service to the China Mail)

LONDON, December 7

At 6.30 p.m. the state of parties was:

Conservative	256
Liberal	142
Labour	183
Independents	78

The situation is unprecedented in political history. The three parties are alike powerless to govern and their acute differences may make a pact impossible. The only solution possible is a temporary working arrangement. Political circles are very excited. They assume Mr. Baldwin will resign and that the King will ask Earl Derby, as representing the strongest party to form a Government. The Labourites are very pleased and the Liberals somewhat chagrined, their losses to Labour making them still the smallest party.

Mr. Baldwin and Sir Alfred Mond arrived at Paddington almost simultaneously from their constituencies. The premier, who was grave and uncommunicative, curtly remarked that he had nothing to say in regard to the situation. Sir Alfred Mond opined that Mr. Baldwin would have to resign and that Earl Derby, being more or less a free-trader might form a Government to carry on a policy of tranquillity temporarily.

LABOUR JUBILANT

Labour headquarters in the morning were jubilant. The result of the elections hitherto has emphasised the disappearance of the Government majority and the fact that Labour could still claim to be the official opposition. Labour successes are attributed to the intensive work of the labour party during the last two years and their also consistent and determined attitude in regard to unemployment. It is pointed out as very significant that the Conservatives have so far gained no seats from Labour. The defeat of Mr. Arthur Henderson is much regretted by Labourites. It is pointed out that the Liberals and Conservatives combined against him, the Conservative candidate having withdrawn.

CONSERVATIVES NON-COMMITTAL

Conservative headquarters are unwilling to make a statement in regard to the election before the returns are complete. Their defeats are attributed entirely to the "dear food" cry which at the results Mrs. Asquith exclaimed, "Isn't it wonderful!"

STOCK EXCHANGE UNSETTLED.

The Stock Exchange is unsettled by the election results. Dealers generally have lowered prices as a precautionary measure in case of uncertainties in the future, and prompt realisations. Actually little selling occurred and the market closed with a depressed feeling.

DEFEATED MINISTERS.

LONDON, December 8

The six ministers defeated include the Lord Advocate (the Rt. Hon. W. Watson) who did not hold his seat in the last Parliament and was beaten by the Labourite Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Boyd Carpenter, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, Mr. P. Ford, Junior, and Whip, Major Tryon, Minister of Pensions, who was beaten by a Liberal Mr. Walter Runciman at Brighton.

THE BAROMETER

PARTIES' UPS AND DOWNS

LONDON, December 7

The state of parties at various intervals throughout the day was as follows:

2 p.m.—

Conservative	185
Liberal	96
Labour	118
Independents	8

The gains were Conservative 46 and the losses Conservative 66, Labourite 18, Labourites 14, Independent 1.

2.30 p.m.—

Conservative	201
Liberal	100
Labour	121
Independents	10

The gains were Conservative 57, Liberal 10, Labourite 10, Labourites 14, Independent 1.

2.45 p.m.—

Conservative	201
Liberal	100
Labour	121
Independents	10

The gains were Conservative 57, Liberal 10, Labourite 10, Labourites 14, Independent 1.

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LAMMERT BROS.

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The Underwriters have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
on
MONDAY, December 10, 1923,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.
**A Fine Assortment of Chinese
Silk Embroidered and
Gauze Cloth Goods.**
Comprising—
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On View on day of Sale.
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LAMMERT BROS.,
Antiquaries,
Hongkong, 5th December, 1923.

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have received instructions from the
Liquidators of the Hongkong
HIDE & LEATHER Co., Ltd.
(in Liquidation)
to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

FRIDAY

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at 3 o'clock p.m.
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The Property, Machinery, and
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(to be sold in 3 Lots subject to
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Hongkong, 7th, December 1923.

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Signal Station	1774
Ms Parkes	1754
Mountain Lodge	1755
The Eye	1755
Peak Hotel	1756
Takao Samatorium	1840
Mt. Davis	1877
Brown Rd. (Silverbird)	1880
MANHAIK.	
Takao	1834
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MARIONNETTES.

THE THEATRE OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE.

WHAT IT IS.

(Specially Contributed.)

[Readers of the *China Mail* may remember that some time ago we referred to the vogue in Italy of the Teatro dei Piccoli (The Theatre of the Little People) and how it had been greeted on its visit to London with remarkable enthusiasm, pointing to a probable revolution in the art of the Theatre with which we are more or less familiar. The *China Mail* is glad to be able to give the first of two articles on the Theatre of the Little People written by Dr. Vittorio Podrecca, Artistic Director and Co-partner of the Teatro dei Piccoli, and Secretary of the Royal Musical Academy S. Cecilia of Rome, thanks to the kindness of the Acting Consul for Italy in Hongkong, Signor G. Biondelli. The first article is "What is the Teatro dei Piccoli?" The second, which will appear in a future issue of the *China Mail*, is entitled "With the Marionettes Behind the Scenes".]

Before one has known it, it is a puzzle which it seems difficult to unravel, but after you have once been to it, it becomes a craze and soon turns into a mania, and when you have it you can get rid of it no more. (It all microbes were as wholesome as the Teatro dei Piccoli the world would be a better place to live in!) Yet after a time you realize that you have fallen victim to an illusion, the most beautiful illusion of human life which makes you think and feel and acknowledge that there is something beyond and above the comprehension of the human mind.

There you are, a full-grown human being—with all your divine gifts of knowledge and understanding, watching...what? listening...to what? enthusing...over what?—No, don't tell me that you are looking at mere wooden dolls; think that you are listening to voices that come from unseen human beings; don't say that this is a cleverly arranged mechanical show—let your higher judgment guide you by acknowledging that you are witnessing what your wildest imagination could scarcely hope for; a dream come true. The dream of your childish fancy, the dream of eternal youth.

For what are we when we are sitting in front of the diminutive stage of the Teatro dei Piccoli? nothing but children, with the expectation of children, the delight of children, the imaginative mind of children. If we were not so we would not come a second time to it, for we would be able only of ridiculing the illusion. And where would be the wisdom of scorning illusion if through its medium we can acknowledge our power of being foolish and wise at the same time? Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis foolish to be wise.

Happily for us, however, the Teatro dei Piccoli is a very real illusion which is not whisked away as 'dreams are, but has solidly taken root in Rome (Italy) where it was founded in 1914 and has, in the course of nearly ten years acquired a world-renowned fame. After a very successful season in London it is now ready to go to the United States, where, no doubt, it will be received with that comprehension and that sympathy which it has found so far everywhere.

The Story.
The story of why and how the Teatro dei Piccoli was started is indeed very interesting. Its founder, Dr. Podrecca, a journalist and a musical and art critic, having for many years been deeply interested in the study of the theatre and its evolution, thought that he would like to identify himself with the artistic movement representing the vanguard of decorative music and theatrical art. Without money for venturing on an enterprise on a large scale, and realising moreover that money alone would not do away with old fitters and ingrained prejudices against certain necessary reforms, he hit upon the idea of taking out of oblivion and bringing back into the limelight of art the long-forgotten marionette, adding new splendour to its very ancient tradition and to its fading glory.

The history of the puppet show loses itself in the dim past. Its origin is almost unknown. In the time of the Romans they were already familiar, but whether unknown to the Egyptians, during the Middle Ages—when they were still preserving their sacred character—they arose to high honour, being the first form of humanity.

In the dim past, the prima donna's hat was not put on properly in front of a mirror or if her lace handkerchief was missing, nor could Signor Bruschi do without his longon. And there is, moreover, a hospital for hide marionettes who, having become too lively, have disturbed their clothes to the dowl, or their hair not properly curled, and it would be a calamity indeed if the prima donna's hat was not put on properly in front of a mirror or if her lace handkerchief was missing, nor could Signor Bruschi do without his longon. And there is, moreover, a hospital for hide marionettes who, having become too lively, have disturbed their clothes to the dowl, or their hair not properly curled, and it would be a calamity indeed if the prima donna's hat was not put on properly in front of a mirror or if her lace handkerchief was missing, nor could Signor Bruschi do without his longon. 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NOTICES INTIMATIONS.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, at Noon on the 18th day of December, 1923, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution that is to say:

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on the 4th day of January, 1924, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A further Resolution will be proposed at the second meeting for the appointment of a Liquidator or Liquidators for the purposes of such winding up and fixing his or their remuneration.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LTD.,
General Agents for
The Kowloon Land and Build-
ing Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, November 30, 1923.

THE HONGKONG & SHANG-
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DEBENTURES PAYABLE TO BEARER
FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF
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1ST JANUARY, 1924-31ST
DECEMBER, 1933.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company intends shortly filing and issuing a Prospectus inviting subscriptions at par for a Debenture Issue of a total sum of \$5,000,000.00.

The Debenture in question will bear interest at Seven per cent per annum payable half-yearly. The whole of the issue will be underwritten.

The Debentures are to be secured by a specific mortgage to Trustees of a part of the landed properties owned by the Company in Hongkong and Shanghai.

The purpose of this Debenture issue is to enable the Company to extinguish the existing mortgages of the Company both in respect of the liabilities taken over by the Company under the recent amalgamation with the Shanghai Hotels Limited and those incurred by the Company itself. The financial requirements of the Company both in Shanghai and Hongkong will thus be covered by one mortgage whereby a fixed amount of interest will be payable at regular intervals instead of as hitherto at various rates and at irregular times.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for Debentures and applications thereto will be received by the Company's Bankers only as and when the said Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies and on the footing of such Prospectus and on the form to be issued herewith.

For and on behalf of
THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
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WALTER J. HAWKER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1923.

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THE Half Yearly General Meeting of Members will be held on WEDNESDAY, 12th December 1923 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room Memos Jardine Matheson and Co.

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C. E. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 27th November, 1923.

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NOTICE.

A EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held at the offices of the Company, Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th December 1923, at 5.15 p.m. immediately after the half-yearly meeting, for the purpose of proposing a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1923; and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

(1) That the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended by adding after Rule No. 11 the following Rule:-

11a. "A China pony is a horse measuring 13 hands 3 inches and under.

(2) That the said Rules of Racing be amended by striking out Rule No. 77 and substituting the following:-

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77a. The Stewards must refuse to enter any Pony which in their opinion is not a China Pony, but their decision must be supported by a board of 5 Members any or all of whom may be Stewards. The decision of the board shall be final.

Should the above Rule No. 77 be passed, it is resolved that the same shall not apply to Ponies which have run in Official races in Hongkong and/or in Gymkhana in Hongkong up to and including the 1st of December 1923.

That Rule No. 34 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong Jockey Club be expunged.

That Rule No. 76 of the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be expunged.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1923.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG SATURDAY, Dec. 8, 1923.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

How time flies! Here is Christmas round again, another new year following close, and it seems only like yesterday since... But Christmas is not quite here yet. There are still seventeen more days before it comes. Whether or not the old says lies and anticipation fails to feed, or even to equal realisation, these days anyway are almost as exciting as the great occasion itself. For they see the joys and the thrills of our Christmas shopping. True, the Colony has only done much of its Christmas shopping. If relatives and friends from the Homeland were to receive gifts in time for the festive season, purchases must be made long before routine's humdrum had become tinged with the glamour of Christmas. But there are the laggards. And still more numerous—much more numerous, there are those who still have their Hongkong Christmas shopping. Households must see that nothing wants in every department of eating and drinking if the occasion is to be celebrated with traditional jollity. Parents must adopt clever tactics to smuggle kids into the stores by offering stockings to be

reported as retiring into the prosperous Szé Yip district. This is not the first time that danger has threatened the Generalissimo from the south but little has come of the previous movements against his rule at Canton. From accounts in the vernacular press, the anti-Sun element in the south comprises the rubble of a number of adventurers who seem to be out for what they can get. Obviously, Canton is not particularly anxious as to the results of the campaign in the south, trusting to the natural desire of the local commanders to hold on to their jobs. But this is not the only source of danger. Herds from neighbour provinces are pouring into Kwangtung across the northern border and Chan Kwing-ming's shadow still lurks ominously on the east. What little public opinion there is has fluctuated from pro-Sun to be decidedly against him. This does not mean that Chan is favoured. He is not. Some may argue that the tyranny and oppression now inflicted on the people is not attributable to Sun directly but to his military subordinates, and that whatever is raised does not lie his pockets but is for the common cause. Sun's ideals are not questioned. He may be a voice in the wilderness and all that will he receive for ever the support which is so necessary for him to retain his position? Can he attain his objects in the face of political enemies and weakening public opinion?

A man wonders who
WONDER. were the other men of
a woman's past; a
woman wonders who will be the
other women of a man's future.

Here is a story of a
CANNY. Scot—a village
cobbler in Forfarshire. He was convicted before a magistrate of some misdemeanour, and was sentenced to pay a fine of half-a-crown, or suffer twenty-four hours' imprisonment. If he chose the alternative, it implied his being taken to the general prison at Perth. The cobbler communed with himself. "I'll go to Perth," he said. "I have business in the town, at any rate." An official conveyed him to Perth by train, but when he reached the goal he said he would pay the fine. The governor found that he would have to take it. "And now," said the cobbler, "I want my fare home."

The governor demurred, made inquiries, and discovered there was no alternative; the prisoner must be sent back at the public expense to the place from whence he had been brought. So the canny cobbler got the two shillings and eightpence-halfpenny, which represented his fare, transacted his business, and went home triumphant, twopence halfpenny and his railway journey the better off for his offence.

Stage Hand—
A CLEAR CASE. "Did you say you wanted a window or a widow?" Show Manager—"I said widow, but they're both much alike. When I get near either of them I always look out."

What does such a MONEY. function as a St. Andrew's Ball actually cost? We don't know. We can only estimate. Assuming that 500 members made it their business to attend and invite their friends and that each paid \$25 for the privilege, that gives us \$12,500. Then the matter ends. Does it? Of the 500 members, twenty, let us say, found they needed new dress clothes. Bang goes \$2,000. One hundred found they needed new pumps. Add say, \$1,000. The five hundred certainly found they wanted new ties; that meant \$500 at least. New shirts would account for \$500, and gloves a further \$500. There would be special hair-cuts making say \$100 and chair, taxi, and motor hire on the night of all nights \$500. Now come the ladies, and here we find our position most difficult for we are young and the knowledge of women's attire is far from us. It is probable that a conservative estimate three hundred ladies found they couldn't possibly attend St. Andrew's unless they had a new evening dress. How much do these things cost? We don't know. Let us say \$200 each. That would mean \$6,000. Gloves, flowers, shoes etc. would probably absorb \$1,000. Of incidents we say nothing—not even the dinners beforehand, but the conservative figures we give total \$24,000 and prove that a Ball can be good thing for trade.

Was surprised re-
INNOCENT. cently to hear that a CHILDHOOD, young, hopeful's favourite hymn, was "We Can Sing, Fall Though We Be."

Have since discovered he meant, "Weak and Sinful Though We Be."

Woman lives her FEMALE FORM life as a mature DIVINE. figure. Her figure constantly changes its form to comply with fashion, her joys are overshadowed

sometimes by the relentless goddess Good Form. She goes through the form of marriage and often the form of divorce, and usually the professes a form of religion. If she is a good mother she forms her children's characters and reforms her husband. Also she forms many acquaintances and enemies, and finally the form of an angel points out her real or alleged virtues inscribed in the form of gold letters on marble formed into a tombstone.

The Sunday-school MUCH ADO teacher sprang this on her mixed class of varying ages.
"What is a myth?"
One child said: "A myth is as good as a mile," and another responded: "A myth is the woman for moth."

To-day's Poem.
(Moonsheen.)
O, the moon is a ribald lass to-night,
The cool, green earth is her lover;
She is singing the song of strange delight,
And the fairies fly to cover.

She has whitened the hills and hardened the road,
The trees are silent and fearing;
She pricks at the heart with a silver
Sword,
And her mocking smile is leering.

No longer a goddess serene and cold,
But a power no man may disdain;
Demanding the worship given of old
From valley and hill and plain.

O, hide from the flame of her wild desire,
She is mad for a mortal's yearning,
Lest your soul be burnt with a white hot fire,
Ere night into day is turning.

ALICE SIEVE.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

DECEMBER 8.

1841. It is now the 8th of December: it has blown a most desperate East wind, all razors; a wind like one of those knives one sees at shops in London, with 365 blades all drawn and pointed; the wheat is all sown; the fallows cannot be ploughed.—Fitzgerald, Boulogne.

WRONG-DOING.

"A merchant shall hardly keep himself from wrong doing; and a huckster shall not be acquitted from sin. Many have sinned for a thing indifferent; and he that seeketh to multiply gain will turn his eye away. A nail will stick fast between the jointings of stones; and sin will thrust itself in between buying and selling. Unless a man hold on diligently in the fear of the Lord, his house shall soon be overthrown."—ECCLIESIASTICUS.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 8.—Coronet Theatre; Way Down East.
December 8.—Star Theatre; Italian Grand Opera Co., in "Rigoletto" at 2.30 p.m. and "Carmen" at 9.15 p.m.
December 8.—World Theatre; "Through a Glass Window."
December 8.—The Grand Theatre; "Dead Genc."

December 8-10-12-15.—Theatre Royal, Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club presents the famous Royal Play the R.U.R." 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.

December 9.—Golf match at Fanling, St. Andrew's v. St. George's Society.

December 8.—Dancing in Palace Hotel, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

December 10.—Social evening and entertainment in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.

December 11.—Lecture on Christian Science, in Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

December 15.—Dance at Peak Club.

December 18.—Hongkong Philharmonic Society, Grand Concert, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

BAZAAR.

December 8.—Hongkong Women's Guild and M. C. L.'s Grand Fête and sale of work in the grounds of Government House, 2 p.m.

December 10.—At P. W. D. offices, 4½-10½ Crown Land, 3 p.m.

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IN BRIEF

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.
CABLES.

The Stock Exchange is unsettled by election results.

A *Reuter* message from London dated to-day states that the Shell Transport Co. has declared a dividend of two shillings free of income tax.

Latest election results will be found in this issue of the *China Mail*. Mr. Baldwin's appearance is described as "grave." Sir Alfred Mond thinks he will have to resign.

LABOUR TROUBLE

NEW TERRITORY FACTORY.

Work is suspended at the Chinese towel factory near Sheung Shui as the workmen have gone on strike for better pay. They are alleged to have smashed the rice-boiling pan which has caused the owners to apply to the police for protection.

MISS E. MOORE'S "LIFE."

MR. CHURCHILL AS A NAUGHTY DANCING PUPIL

The story of two lives very successful on the stage and very happy "off" is told charmingly by Miss Eva Moore in "Exits and Entrances"—those of herself and her late husband, H. V. Esmond, the actor and playwright (Chapman and Hall, 15s).

Before she got a start on the stage from Toole—"At a week and find your own dresses"—Miss Moore, in her early 'teens, taught dancing at Brighton.

I taught a small, red-headed boy. He was the naughtiest boy in the class; I used to think sometimes he must be the naughtiest small boy in the world. His name was Winston Churchill.

She and Mr. Esmond got married on a loan of £50 and the proceeds of a racing tip which came off at 40 to 1.

When Bernard Shaw and Granville Barker went into management at the Court Theatre, Harry and I met Shaw one day and Harry asked how the season "had gone." "Well," said Bernard Shaw. "I've lost £7,000 and Barker's lost his other shirt."

To Miss Moore Mrs. Kendall said reflectively: "Think of all the things we have missed, people like you and me, through leading—shall we say 'well-conducted lives'! And make no mistake, we have missed them!"

George Edwards was once interviewing a candidate for the chorus at the Gaiety; he asked her, "Do you run straight?" "Yes, Mr. Edwards," was the reply, "but not very far, or very fast."

Mr. Esmond was very young when he started out from the bosom of a family which had no knowledge of the stage. His mother, hearing that he had joined a company of touring actors, asked, in all seriousness, "What time is the caravan calling for you, my dear?"

"JAZZ" A DISEASE.

CONDUCTOR AND TRIVIAL MUSIC.

Resigning his conductorship of the Harrogate Municipal Orchestra, Mr. Howard Carr has given as one of his reasons his objection to playing "trivial" music.

He told a reporter that he considered light operatic music such as is found in certain musical comedies too trivial to be presented by a musician of his knowledge and experience. He declared also that "jazz" is a disease—a form of neurosis.

"I could not ask my orchestra, which is so strong and one of the best in the north of England, to play what, in my view, is not good music," he said. "Music that is played in restaurants and kitchens is not fit for the concert-hall."

"I am a composer of light operatic music and I was quite willing to—and I did—play good light music, but I would not play rubbish. The primary purpose of music is to uplift people mentally, morally, and spiritually—not to assist their digestion."

Sir Dan Godfrey, conductor of the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, said: "Jazz" is often worth playing. People would have what they wanted in music. Only about 10 per cent. of the public always wanted the best music."

The comment of the Royal Hall Committee of Harrogate Corporation on the position taken up by Mr. Carr is that the majority of patrons have not been too enthusiastic over the programmes, mainly classical, and that the hall had been half empty on ordinary nights, whereas on popular nights the house had been full.

SURPRISE ELECTION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ELECTION MISCELLANEA.

Lanarkshire is represented by 6 Labourites and one Conservative compared with 5 Labourites, one Communist and one Conservative formerly. A Labourite gained Lanark at the expense of the popular Conservative Minister, Captain Elliot. The London boroughs of Lewisham, Paddington and Wandsworth are solidly Conservative. Poplar is solidly Labour. St. Pancras now has two Labourites and one Conservative and Southwark two Labourites and one Liberal. Stepney is solidly Labour.

London is represented by 30 Conservatives, 11 Liberals and 21 Labourites. Fifeshire is unchanged. Sir Hamar Greenwood was defeated at Sunderland which is unchanged. Sir Robert Horne was elected in a triangular contest at Hartlepool. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's majority at Aberavon was 3,512.

Lord Apsley (Conservative) was returned at the head of the poll at Southampton with Colonel Perkins (Conservative). There were six Conservatives.

Cumberland and Derbyshire are unchanged, except that one seat in each was gained by a Conservative from a Liberal. Devonshire Liberals gained three seats from Conservatives but the Tiverton result has not hitherto been declared. In Essex there are 4 Conservatives, 2 Liberals and 2 Labourites compared with 6 Conservatives and 2 Liberals. Hampshire is unchanged with the exception of a Liberal gain from a Conservative. Kent, formerly solidly Conservative, now has 8 Conservatives, 2 Labourites and one Liberal. Lancashire has 8 Conservatives, 8 Liberals and 4 Labourites compared with 11 Conservatives, 3 Liberals and 4 Labourites before.

In Hertfordshire, the Liberals gained one seat from the Conservatives. Captain Philipson, husband of Mrs. Philipson was defeated at Wansbeck by a Labourite. The Conservative Major Edmondson was elected at Banbury, defeating the Liberal Mr. C. B. Fry and the Labourite Captain Bennett.

Wiltshire is represented by four Liberals and one Conservative compared with three Conservatives and two Liberals formerly. In the North Riding of Yorkshire Liberals gained one seat. Suffolk and Lincolnshire are unchanged. In Norfolk the Conservatives lost a seat to the Liberals, who lost a seat to Labour. In Northumberland the Liberals gained a seat from the Conservatives. Surrey is solidly Conservative. In Warwickshire the Liberals gained a seat from the Conservatives. The Welsh counties are unchanged with the exception of one Liberal gain from Labour but one return is outstanding. The Scottish counties are incomplete. It is notable that so far there has been a Conservative gain at Roxburgh and Selkirk where the Earl of Dalkeith was returned in a triangular contest also at Moray and Nairn, while a Labourite gained a seat in Dumfriesshire. The Liberal Sir Charles Starmer gained Cleveland in a triangular contest.

The Scottish burghs are little changed. The East Riding of Yorkshire is solidly Conservative as the Liberals lost a seat. Cornwall is wholly Liberal. In Cheshire the Conservatives lost three seats to Liberals, otherwise it is unchanged. Dorsetshire, Gloucestershire and Carmarthenshire are unchanged. Belfast is unchanged. Gloucestershire is represented by one Conservative two Liberals and one Labourite compared with three Conservatives no Liberals and one Labourite formerly. The Liberal Mr. Costello gained a seat in Huntingdonshire.

The position in Oxfordshire and Worcestershire is unchanged. Salop, hitherto Conservative, now has two Conservatives, one Liberal and one Labourite.

Somersetshire has one Conservative, three Liberals and two Labourites, compared with five Conservatives and one Liberal formerly. In Staffordshire the position is unchanged, except that the Labourite Mr. Frank Hedges has replaced the National Liberal, Mr. Lichfield.

Commander Burney has been elected.

Notable gains are the two Labourites, including Miss Jevson, at Norwich, where Comdr. Hilton Young and Mr. G. H. Roberts were among the four defeated. A Conservative gained Middlesbrough from a Conservative and a Liberal won Brixton from a Conservative.

At 8.15 p.m. the position was—

Liberal-Labour 287
Conservatives 210
A Minister, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Newbold, the Communists were defeated.

DAETILED RESULTS.

Mrs. GERSHOM STEWART BREATHES.

W. DODDS (Liberal), 13,000,000.

Graham Stewart (Conservative) 11,701.

This was a Liberal gain.

WINDSOR.

Somerville (Conservative) 12,646.

C. B. Crisp (Liberal) 9,023.

CRASIER.

Sir Charles Chaytor (Conservative) 9,085.

Llewellyn (Liberal) 6,212.

Muff (Labour) 5,774.

UNITED STATES' FINANCE.

REDUCTION OF NATIONAL DEBT.

WASHINGTON, December 8.

Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report to Congress, announced the reduction of the Nation's debt by \$14 million in the past year through the exercise of the most rigid economy and the application of business principle's to Government's finances.

The report contains Mr. Mellon's letter to President Coolidge to the effect that the granting of a soldier's bonus would postpone tax reductions for many years.

Mr. Mellon makes the expected recommendation of a reduction of \$300,000,000 in taxes in the States by cutting the surtax on large incomes to a maximum of 25 per cent. Thereby there would actually be an increased amount on Government's receipts by 1920.

Mr. Mellon is of the opinion that the appropriation of \$23,000,000 for increasing the number of coastguard vessels might help to cut down to a minimum the operation of rum smugglers.

TRAFFIC IN DRUGS.

RECOMMENDATION BY SWITZERLAND.

BERNE, December 8.

In the National Council, replying to Socialist interpellation, with regard to "the export under false declarations of great quantities of opium, cocaine and morphine especially from Basle," M. Motta, Foreign Minister, replied that indisputably the opium question had assumed such a character that it councilled its duty from the viewpoint of international solidarity to get the 1912 Convention ratified as soon as possible. The measure for ratification will be submitted to parliament in Spring at the latest.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

MANCHESTER REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., write under date October 31:

The cotton markets have again been strong and new high levels for the season have been reached, fully middling American at Liverpool being quoted 17.07 on the 20th.

Speculative buying has undoubtedly been largely responsible for the further rise and is apparently based on the firm belief of a decreased American crop indication when the special Bureau report of November 2 is issued.

Heavy local trade buying has also again been a factor of importance.

Liverpool spot and futures sales have increased substantially and the outlook for Manchester trade continues more hopeful.

The Bureau report that 6,400,000 bales were ginned up to the 17th instant was slightly disappointing and has assisted the advance.

This compares with 6,078,000 a year ago and 5,497,000 in 1921. The extreme advance has not, however, been maintained.

There appears to be some weight of opinion which inclines to the view that a bullish crop report has been well discounted by present rates, but at the same time the possibility of 20 pence cotton is freely talked of.

Probably the Bureau report on Friday next will clear the situation somewhat.

Pending that a quiet tone seems to have set in.

In the Manchester market there has been a considerably increased demand from almost all quarters and a good turnover has resulted.

At the same time sales are not yet commensurate with enquiry for although offers continue to improve, the upward movement of prices here has again been quicker.

The volume of business in negotiation is now very large and provided nothing happens to disturb confidence fresh it looks as though a substantial amount of it will shortly be on the order books.

Almost all classes of goods are included in the demand, but makers of low and medium printing cloths,

and sized greys have done least.

The cheapest sellers are being rapidly filled up.

Spinners have found little improvement in the export demand but local enquiry and sales are causing an improvement of the basis.

Prices are about 10 per cent. higher.

India business has been

of most importance, the enquiry

being very substantial and covering

shoos, blouses, light white,

prints, and fancies.

China also shows inclination to operate

and grey, white, and fancies have

been sold.

SON-IN-LAW SUED.

£150 DAMAGES FOR POSTCARD LIBEL.

An action to recover damages for an alleged libel was brought by

Walter Oliver and his wife Henrietta, of Whaddon, near Royston, Hertfordshire, against their son-in-law, Thomas Smith, of East-street Buildings, Marylebone, an ex-policeman.

The alleged libels were written on postcards sent to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver. One said:

I have been thinking of the family conduct of my marriage with your disgraceful daughter Evelyn . . . and the deliberate lies of herself, her mother, her sister, and aunt before marriage, when I asked them about her health. They all said she had never had an illness, knowing full well she had been under a doctor for six months with heart disease and that she had been at death's door two or three times with other complaints.

There is no doubt the wedding was planned between you all, for we had only been married five days when she told me she married for name only and not to live with me.

Mr. Oliver said since the action was brought he had had numerous postcards of the same kind. As many as four had come by one post.

Mr. Justice McCordie: Containing these same charges against you? Yes. In one of the postcards Smith said he was going to call a public meeting at Whaddon and that he had informed the police of his intentions.

Mr. Smith (to Mr. Oliver): You say you objected to the marriage?

—I did.

Mr. Justice McCordie: Why did you object to this man? —I did not like the man. I thought he was not suitable for my daughter.

PETER.

Mr. Oliver said that his wife Evelyn thought more about her boy Peter than she did of him, he did not dream that his daughter Evelyn had this child Peter before her marriage. He thought Smith was referring to one of his own children by a former marriage.

Mr. Evelyn Smith said she first met her husband in Kensington Museum Gardens, and the first day she went out with him she told about Peter, as she thought she would be open with him. He raised no objection.

Their marriage was unhappy from the first week because he did not give her her place in the home, but gave it to his eldest daughter. About a month after the marriage he assaulted her and threatened her and her son Peter. She screamed, and he buried her with pillows.

She left him because of his ill-treatment.

Mr. Smith denied the alleged assault upon his wife and her accusations of threats and ill-treatment. He admitted writing the postcards, but said they were true in substance and fact and were not written with malice. His object was to get an interview with his wife to reconciliation with his wife.

Mr. Barton said he had received instructions to sell by Public Auction

TUESDAY, December 11, 1923,

commencing at 11 a.m.

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10 Cases White Handkerchiefs.

Also

23,000 Harrison Knitting Needles

2 Cols Rubber Biscuits Tyres

10 Cases Naphtaline Balls

Terms—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1923.

VILLAGE Gossip.

Mr. Justice McCordie said it was curious if Mr. Smith's object really was to win back his wife's love that he should have written what he did on postcards to be sent to a little village where everyone was only too willing to listen to scandal and where every postcard that passed through the local post office seemed to become known to everyone in the village.

The jury found a verdict for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and

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JAPAN PORTS—Mitsui, Yokohama and Nagoya.

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KAJO MARU.....Sunday, 16th Dec. At 10 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW, AMOY, & MADU.

Saturday, 8th Dec.

TAKAO and KIELUNG.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

SWATOW.

Dec. 9.—U.S.K. Amakusa Maru.

10.—U.S.N. Kancho Maru.

11.—C.O.N. Seishun Maru.

11.—D.L. Kaiho Maru.

11.—O.S.N. Yusaku Maru.

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11.—C.O.N. Takao Maru.

11.—C.O.N. Kuroko Maru.

11.—C.O.N. Tsurumi Maru.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SUPPLEMENT.

HONGKONG HOTEL COY.

ROUND OF FESTIVITIES.

As usual, the Hongkong Hotel Coy., has arranged an attractive round of Xmas and new year festivities for which the bookings have already been remarkably heavy. On Boxing night there is to be a grand carnival in the Hongkong Hotel grill room where fancy or evening dress will be optional. There is to be a grand New Year's Eve celebration at Repulse Bay and in between there will be tea dances and dinner dances. For Boxing night and New Year's Eve, the Hotel Company have arranged for a special Peak tram at 2.30 a.m. which seems to indicate that this year the revelry is likely to be greater and to last longer than ever.

In addition, the Hongkong Hotel's guests this Xmas will have the opportunity of testing the capabilities of M. Albert Lainel, who has come out here to take charge of the Hotel's culinary department. M. Lainel comes with a big reputation, having been for some time in the service of the Royal household, and it may be taken for granted that his efforts will not be spared in making the forthcoming festivities a bigger success than ever.

WM. POWELL' LIMITED.

FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

As Christmas draws near, a tour round the shops is always a pleasure to both old and young.

At Messrs. William Powell Ltd., the little ones will be attracted by the very fine selection of toys on display in the window. These include a very fine assortment of soldiers and mechanical toys of all descriptions from trains to steamers. The selection of crackers this year is especially pleasing and should attract both old and young. Among gifts for ladies were noticed furs, gloves, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, fancy bags, scarves, silk hose and dressing gowns. For the home were displayed dainty cushions, down quilts and a fine display of electro-ware. As suggestions for men were shown dressing cases, suit cases, trunks, sweaters and collar boxes to suit the purse of all. The little ones are catered for in wool jackets, hats and hoods in addition to dainty frocks and kilts. All the presents are most serviceable and should find a ready sale.

YEE SANG FAT COY.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE.

The Public will be interested to learn that this leading Dry Goods Store of the colony will hold the yearly Christmas Sale for two weeks from Monday the 10th inst., to Monday the 24th inst. This Store has been in existence for some thirty years and it goes without saying that it is a Store that always gives satisfaction. It gives excellent services and as for prices and quality of their merchandise, the customers have no cause to complain. In this Christmas Sale they are offering the public a wide range of new stock of the latest style at prices surprisingly favourable. It should be a Money saving and Time saving plan for customers to buy their Christmas gifts from this store. For those who do not quite know what to give to their friends, a visit to this store will solve the problem. This store provides anything and everything for all classes, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. It is worth one's while to drop in to this store as you are sure to be tempted to purchase something.

WHITEAWAYS.

IDEAL GIFTS APLENTY.

Now that Christmas is fast drawing near, Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co. are fully prepared for an invasion by the army of parents and children, anxious to follow the time-old custom of celebrating the festival by the bestowal of gifts on each other.

Through the courtesy of Mr. O. A. Smith, the genial General Manager of "Whiteley's in the East," a *China Mail* representative was shown over the different departments this morning.

In the Gents' Department is to be found a fine display of cardigan jackets at \$19.50, Jaeger goods of all sorts, including some tempting waistcoats at \$15.50 and smart overcoats in grey at \$59.50.

The latest style in Stetson hats can be obtained at prices ranging between \$19.50 and \$25.50, while a fine line of genuine English velour Trilbys are obtainable at \$21.50. An exceptional choice selection of ties, scarves and socks are in evidence, while for the winter evening Jaeger dressing-gowns are priced at \$47.50. Walking sticks to suit all tastes are on sale, while a full line of Saxone boots and shoes, for which Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co. are the sole agents in Hongkong, can be obtained from \$19.50 up. A full line of Boys' suits and overcoats for winter wear are also on view.

FOR THE LADIES.

In the Ladies' Department are to be found woollen dress materials, serges, flannels, etc.; the latest Carnival Dolls for the dressing table; Milanes silk underwear and gauntlet gloves from the leading makers; a special line of women's and children's knitted woollen garments; artificial flowers and feathers and a wide assortment of new felt and velour hats.

FOR THE KIDDIES.

What strikes one most forcibly, however, is the tremendous scope for the would-be purchaser in the Toy Bazaar. Here are to be found: rocking horses, velocipedes, tricycles, scooters, boxes of soldiers, electric and clock-work trains complete with tunnels and signal stations, model motor-cars, working cinemas, mechanical and musical toys, woolly animals galore including fighting cats with big bushy tails, a pack of the breed of the "Study Dog Bonzo," steam-boats, puzzles, crackers, Christmas tree decorations, tumblers that refuse to remain off their equilibrium, tea-sets, walking and talking dolls, miniature sets of furniture and dolls' houses, parlour games of all sorts including a compendium of games (draughts, chess, dominoes and a roulette wheel in case for \$15.50), paint-boxes and books, the usual square games, a complete line of Annuals (such as Collins' Blackies, Girls' Own, Boys' Own, Chums, Chatterbox and Toodles), filled dressing-jewel, writing and manicure sets from \$22.50 to \$29.50 and a fine display of note-paper and cards.

On the top floor are stored artistic furnishings for curtains and easements, tablecloths and covers, cushions and cosies, carpets and linos. Crockery and hardware are well represented. There is a special line of cretonnes and the firm are specialists in the making up of loose covers and in upholstered furniture. Trunks and cash-boxes and a full line of sporting requisites are there. Brass beds and bassinets, perambulators, bread-pans and ice-chests are included in the firm's extensive stock of hardware and crockery.

Last, but not least, a well-stocked department of perfumes and toilet requisites from the leading manufacturers will appeal especially to the gentler sex.

LANE CRAWFORD'S.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

Hongkong youngsters will be missing rare treat if they do not this year insist upon being taken up to view the fairyland furnished by Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd.'s toy department on the first floor. Once arrived, the first centre of attraction will for them most certainly be the artistic representation of a little Swiss village, its lighted windows gleaming against a background of snow around which Santa Claus, on the pressing of a switch, makes a circuit in his sleigh. The genial Santa Claus, it is safe to say, will be required to undertake many such a journey before the Yuletide passes.

Amongst the wonderful array of toys one finds many favourites—dolls, tin soldiers, Noah's arks and so forth—but there are one or two new features which seem to indicate that the day of clockwork is passing and the nursery is entering upon an era of steam. For there are motor trucks and motor cars equipped with small boilers and fitted with a small spirit lamp underneath which is calculated to generate enough steam to keep the toy under power for about half an hour. Then there is a miniature radio set and, for the nautically minded, a selection of beautiful model yachts of all rigs each fitted with a deep keel and a compensating rudder which makes it possible to sail in any wind and in any weather. To the adult mind it was a place full of interest—to the childlike imagination it should prove a paradise.

Doubts as to what to buy for Xmas gifts may quite simply be solved by taking a "looksee" around the new Jewellery Department which, pending removal to more commodious premises in the Hongkong Hotel building, is situated on the same floor as the toys are to be found. There is here a glittering display of Jewellery, silverware and cut-glass of all descriptions. Dainty boudoir clocks, gold and platinum mesh bags, a huge array of gold and silver cigarette cases, diamond rings and diamond bracelets, vanity cases, photo-frames, toilet and manicure sets—the list is endless, or at any rate so it seemed with so superb a display.

A show case displaying an excellent assortment of fancy leather goods invites attention in the Men's Outfitting Department. Pocket wallets, cigarette and cigar cases, jewel boxes, dressing cases, travelling requisites and the like here suggested themselves as suitable Yuletide gifts of menfolk, to say nothing of a wide choice of neckties, scarves, Jaeger "woollies" and what not.

One of the busiest sections of the store during the next few weeks is sure to be the provision department whose display of Xmas fare is calculated literally to make one's mouth water.

AT SINCERE'S.

GIFTS THAT WILL CHARM.

Though the Chinese themselves are not particularly interested in Christmas, any more than we are in some of their red-letter festivals, big stores like Sincere's who number many Europeans amongst their clientele do not let the Yuletide season slip by unnoticed. So it is that the Sincere Company's windows are beginning to take on a festive air which challenges comparison with their European rivals.

Last, but not least, a well-stocked

SUITABLE SUITINGS.

WHERE MESSRS. HAWTHORNE AND PEARSON EXCEL.

MUSIC AND MELODY.

FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

Most of us can recall what gramophones were like twenty years ago when, if one remembers rightly, they were called gramophones but phonographs. You popped a sort of wax cylinder into the machine and, after a vigorous cranking up, sat back to wait for results. A pronounced whirring grew into a creaking noise like somebody with a very bad cough trying to clear his throat and finally a harsh voice announced what the record would be about. It was quite necessary that the audience should get that information beforehand.

All that is changed now and how big have been the strides made in perfecting the phonographic art to visit the Anderson Music Co.'s establishment in Ice House Street, opposite the Café Wiseman. They offer a fine choice of winter suitings, both tweed and saxy, and of materials for overcoats and the indispensable sports coat they display a wide range.

One feature about the work turned out by the firm which should commend itself to the man who is particular about his clothes, is that it is all done by hand on the premises under the personal supervision of the proprietors and they are alone responsible for every bit of the cutting. Fashion plates are procured from Saville Row at regular intervals so that Messrs. Hawthorne and Pearson's customers may rely upon getting the latest styles. Speaking of steam. For there are motor trucks and motor cars equipped with small boilers and fitted with a small spirit lamp underneath which is calculated to generate enough steam to keep the toy under power for about half an hour. Then there is a miniature radio set and, for the nautically minded, a selection of beautiful model yachts of all rigs each fitted with a deep keel and a compensating rudder which makes it possible to sail in any wind and in any weather. To the adult mind it was a place full of interest—to the childlike imagination it should prove a paradise.

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PEARLS AND PARIS CREATIONS.

One imagines it would be a neat stroke of policy for wives to encourage their husbands to patronise the establishment of Messrs. Hawthorne and Pearson for is not the well-stocked salon of Madeline Pearson housed in another premises? What more natural than that while hubby is selecting his new suit his better half should chance upon a gown which matches it so beautifully that under the circumstances no self-respecting husband could do other than make her a present of it then and there as a Yuletide gift.

The progress made by the salon Madeline Pearson has, considering its short career, been nothing short of phenomenal. Two years ago it was begun in a small room hidden away on the first floor of Union Buildings. Even in that secluded spot it was eagerly sought out by a fast growing clientele and eventually a move had to be made to the premises in Ice House Street now occupied by Anderson's Music Store. Even that proved too small and this centre of fashion was finally transferred to its present spacious home where something like \$35,000 worth of hats and gowns are either on show or waiting to be displayed whenever there is room enough.

That these alluring creations come direct from Paris bespeaks their style and quality; prices, one is assured, are fairly reasonable. One view in the salon at present is a display of "Cintrina" pearls made up into necklaces, brooches, ear drops and various other things. One can well credit the statement that only the most experienced experts can detect the difference between these pearls costing perhaps 100 times as much or more.

WHAT TO DO WHEN IN THE DUMPS.

Pot on your best suit—go for a brisk walk—take two or three Pinkettes when going to bed—you'll surely feel 10% brighter, cheerier and better in the morning. To dispel the causes of low spirits such as constipation, liverlessness, bilious attacks or sick headaches Pinkettes are perfection. Your chemist sells them, or post free 60 cents the vial, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 80 Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

XMAS MUSIC.

MOUTRIE'S TASTEFUL DISPLAY.

GOOD CHEER.

USEFUL GIFTS.

HARDWARE FOR HOME.

"There should be music in every home on Christmas morn" is the motto and motif of Messrs. Moutrie and Co.'s extremely tasteful window display in Chater Road. A partly opened package disclosing a glimpse of a handsome "Victrola" suggests that there can only be one answer, an emphatic affirmative, to the question propounded by an adjoining showcard—"Will there be a Victrola in your home this Xmas?" In another window the names of a number of famous stars in the musical firmament—Caruso, Rachmaninoff, Elman, etc., all of whom are featured on "Victor" records—are, by an ingenious electrical arrangement, illuminated in rotation. Messrs. Moutrie have a big selection of Xmas Music to choose from as well as all the latest dance records.

USEFUL GIFTS.

EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL.

"Everything Electrical!" This slogan makes it almost unnecessary to say anything about the splendid display in the Electrical Department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. in Queen's Road Central. Here are useful and artistic gifts aplenty—gifts that will prove specially welcome in this cold weather. Toasters, waffle irons, radiators, hot plates, chafing dishes, torches, radio sets, tea pots, kettles, milk warmers, and desk lamps—these are but a few of the tempting wares displayed. "Everything electrical!" The slogan is enough; you must see for yourself.

SMOKES FOR GIFTS.

CHOICE CIGARETTES.

The British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited, have an unusually choice selection of Wills's well-known brand of Three Castles cigarettes. The world-famed firm of W. D. & H. O. Wills, of Bristol and London, through their local office, can supply magnum and ordinary sizes in tins of 50 and the latter in 20's in packets. No sweater tobacco comes from Virginia and no more ideal present could be found for the discriminating smoker than a case of these choice cigarettes.

FOR OVERSEAS FRIENDS.

ORIENTAL GOODS.

Oriental goods have a strong appeal at all times. When Christmas comes this appeal increases tenfold. Shoppers will therefore welcome the suggestions Messrs. Fook Weng & Co., Ltd., make in their advertisement in this issue. Situated in the Astor House Building, 13 Queen's Road Central, Messrs. Fook Weng & Co. have a wide range of tempting wares, including hand-made Swatow, drawn threadwork and Canton embroideries, silk goods, laces and motifs, Mandarin costumes, shawls, capes and scarves, cloisonné, ivory, powder and porcelain ware, fancy goods, toys and curios.

FOR MOTORISTS.

SENSIBLE PRESENTS.

If your friend is a motorist—if you are a motorist yourself—you can make few better Christmas purchases than motor spirit. "Shell" is too famous to require praise at this stage. The exploits which it has helped to make possible belong to history—the flight across the Atlantic, the flight to Australia, and the flight across Africa; also the recent successes in the glider contest at Lympne.

Ticking Throat.

Did you ever have that nerve-racking experience caused by a bit of mucus or phlegm that tickles and tickles until it sometimes almost strangles? Just stop a crop. That's why mothers keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It contains no narcotics and is best for the children. For sale everywhere.

Stop Croup.

It stops croup. That's why mothers keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It contains no narcotics and is best for the children. For sale everywhere.

Hoarseness.

Hoarseness, bronchial and other coughs. For sale everywhere.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The S. F. S. "Tian" from Liverpool left Singapore on Dec. 2 for this port and is due here to-day.

The E. & A. S. "Arafura" left Manila for this port on Dec. 6 at daylight with the cut-wa'd Australian Mails, and is due here to-morrow.

The B. F. S. "Patroclus" from Liverpool left Singapore on Dec. 7 for this port and is due here on Dec. 11.

The E. & A. S. "Sardou" for Marsella, London and Rotterdam, left Shanghai on Dec. 9 for the port of Sasebo. The vessel will be despatched at noon on Dec. 11.

The B. L. S. "Tanda" left Shanghai for this port on Dec. 8 and is due here on Dec. 11.

The C.P.R. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on Nov. 29 and is due here on Dec. 18.

CHINA MAIL'S SECOND SHOPPING NUMBER

NEXT SATURDAY, December 15.

Wm. Powell Ltd.
TELEPHONE 4578

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FOR
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FOR
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TIES.
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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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GRAND NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION.

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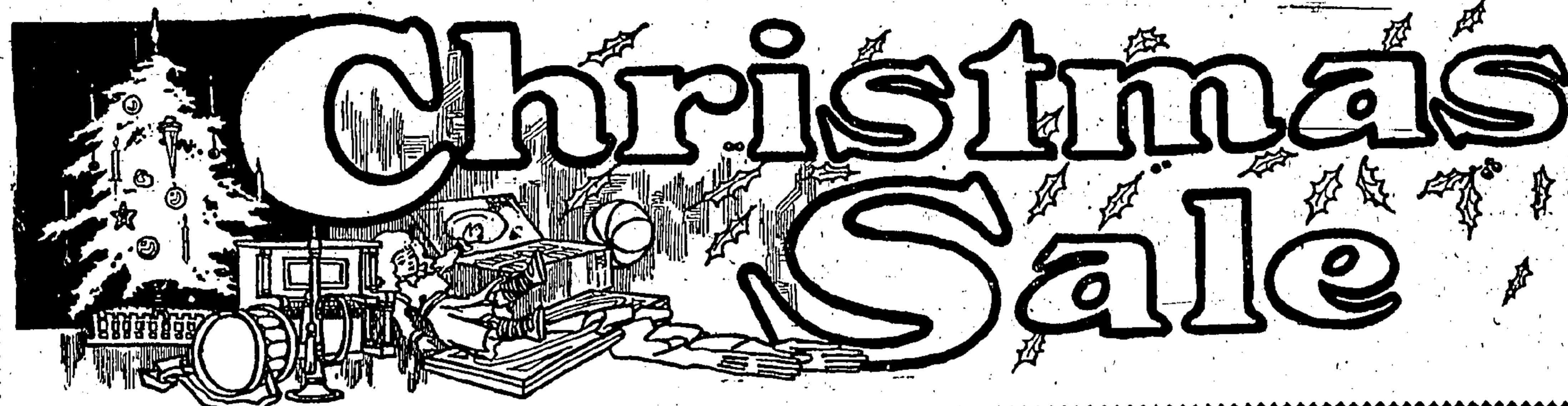
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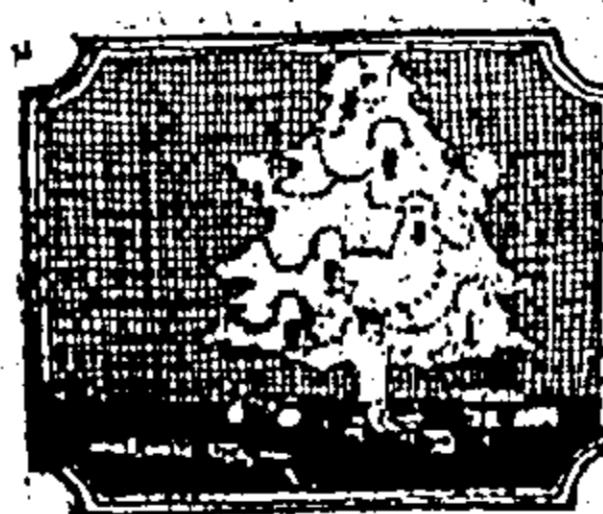
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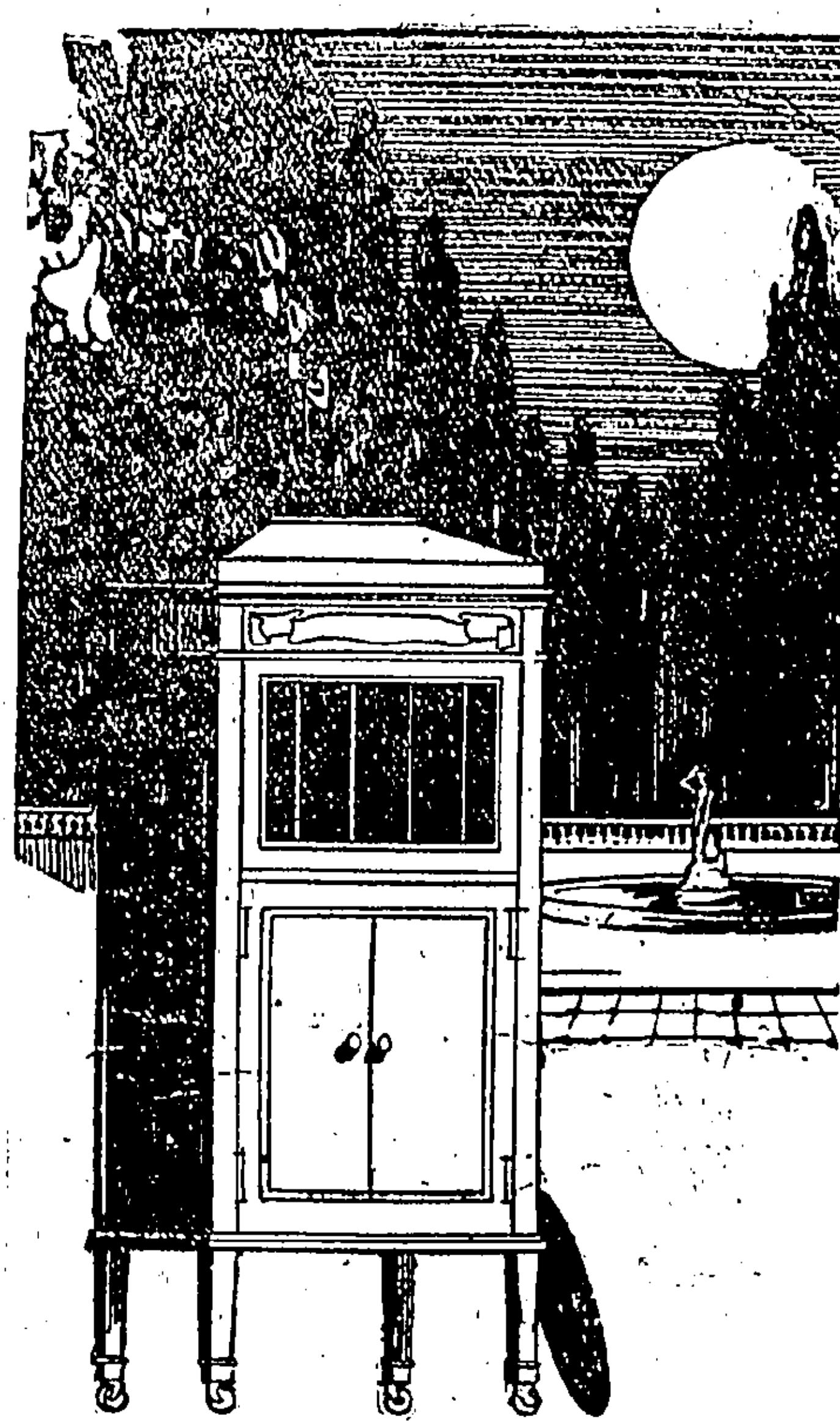
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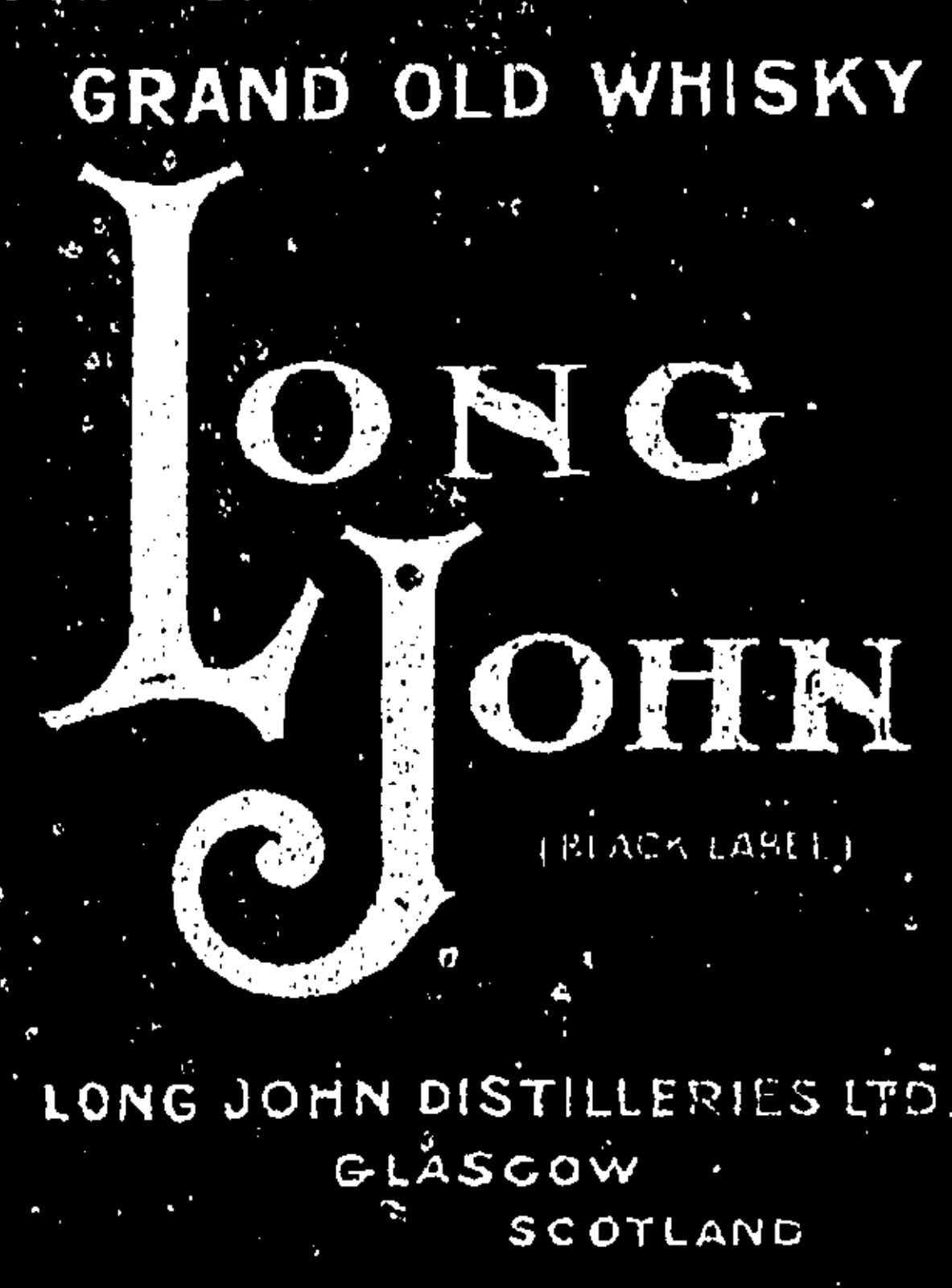
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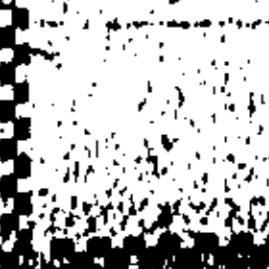
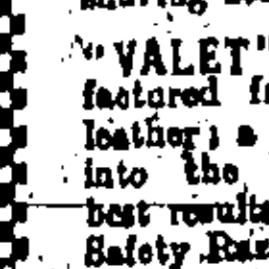
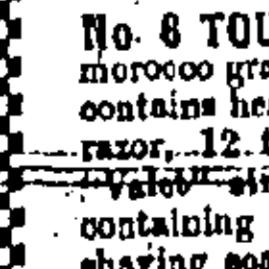
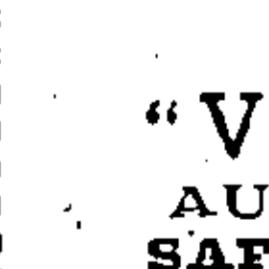
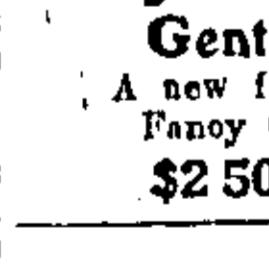
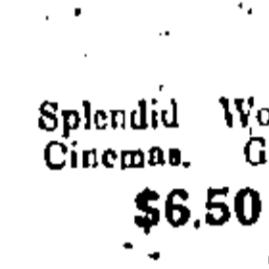
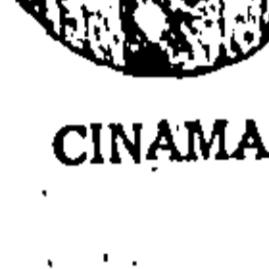
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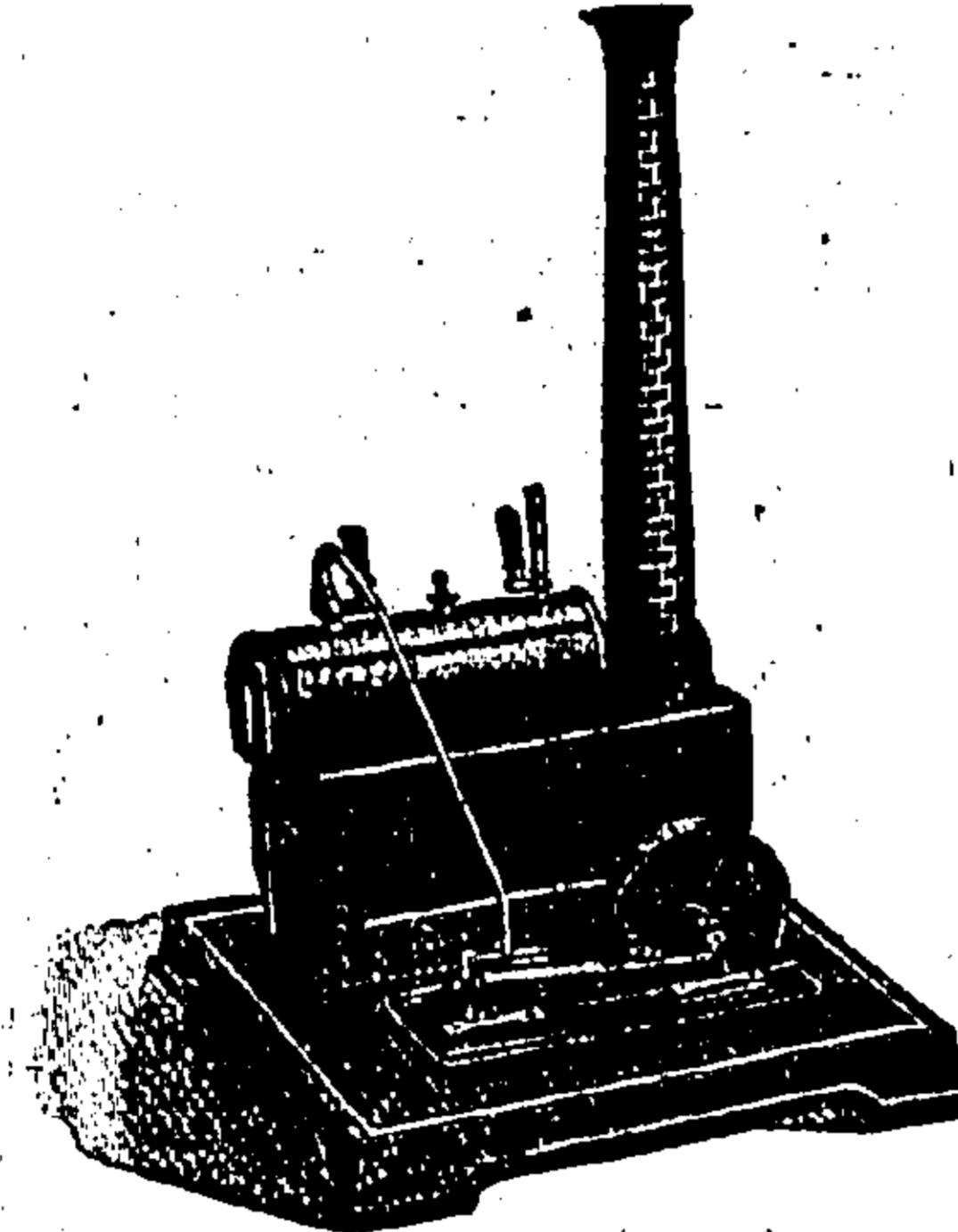
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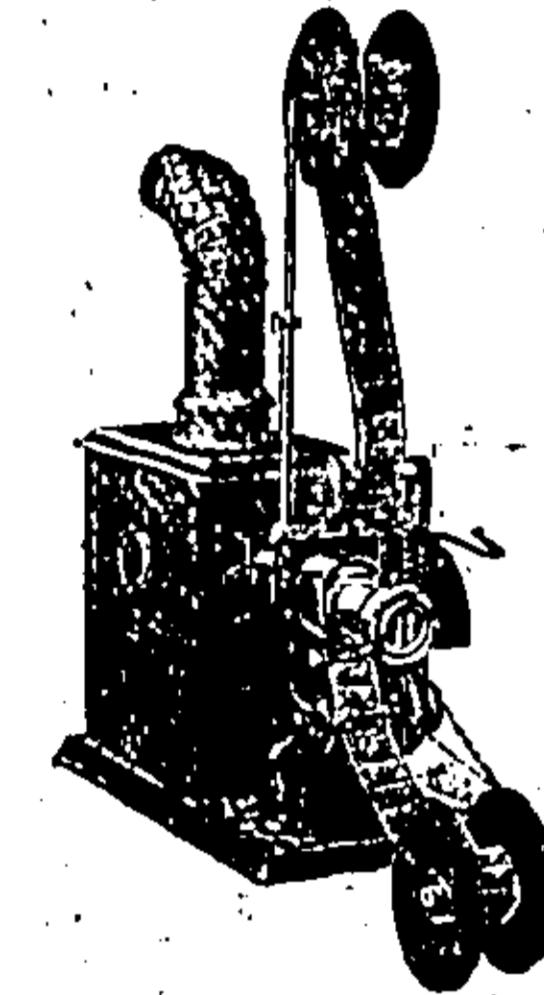
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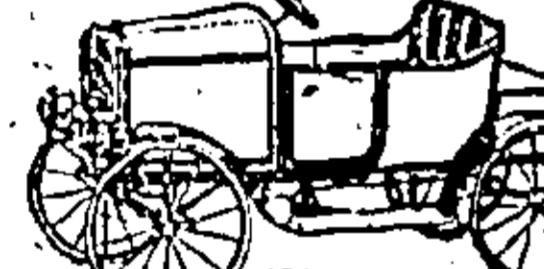
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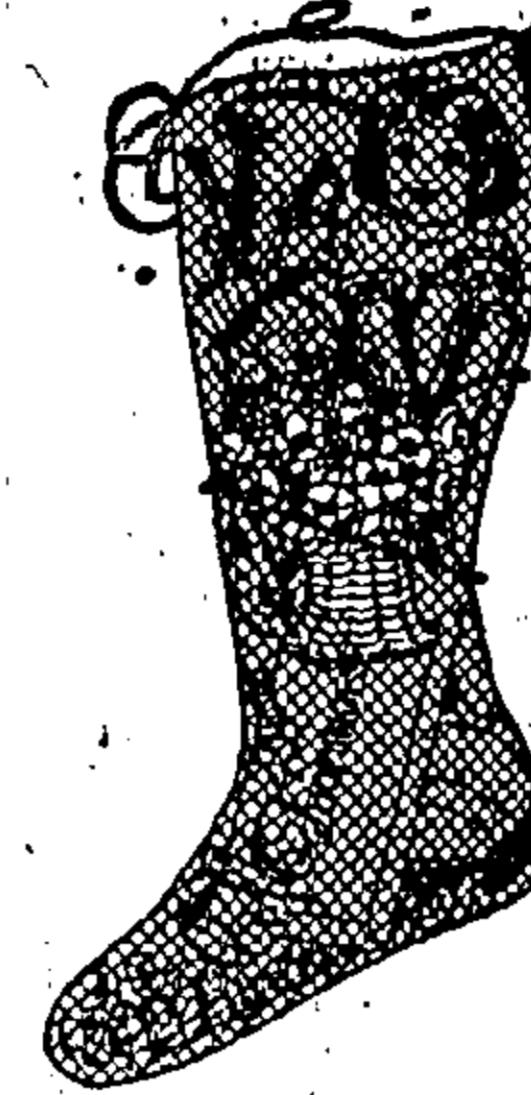
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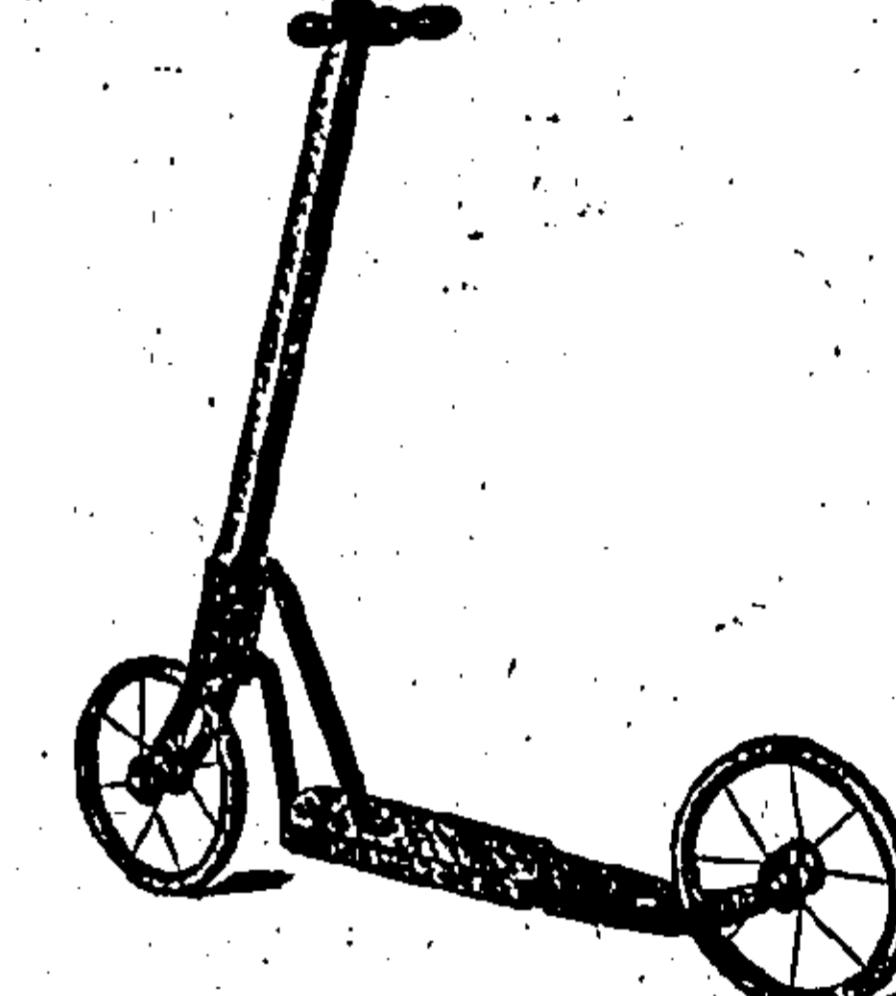
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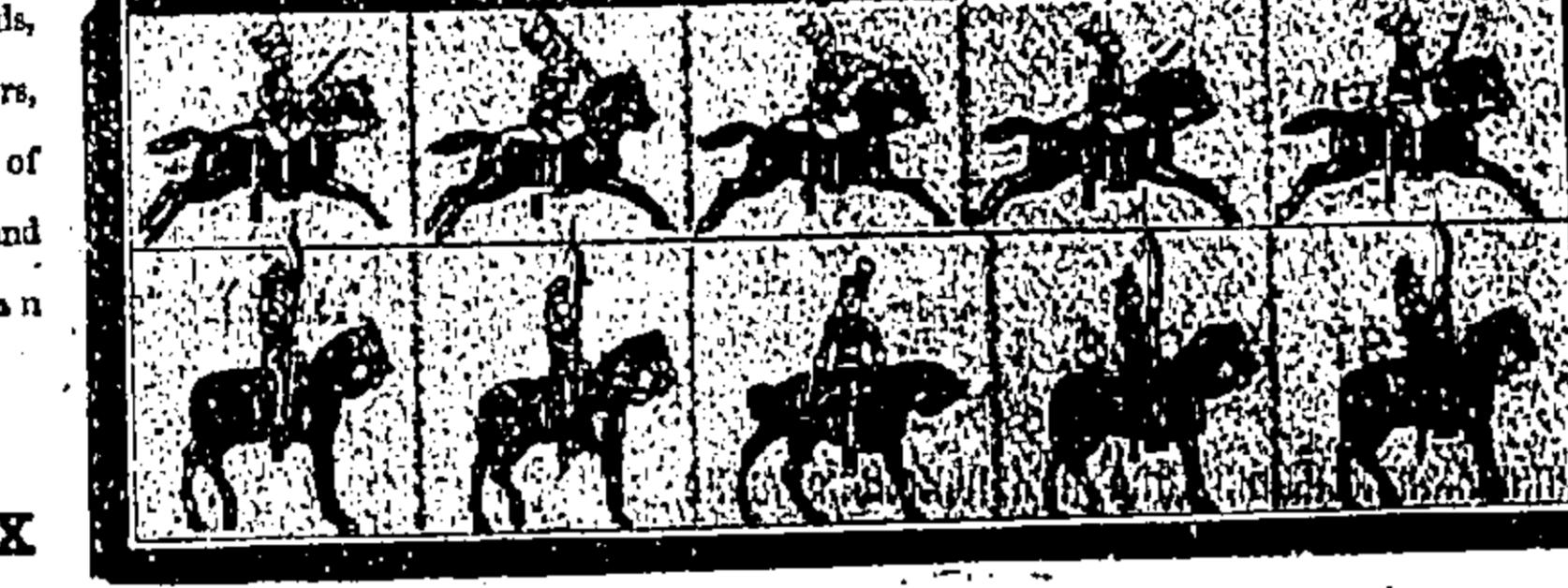
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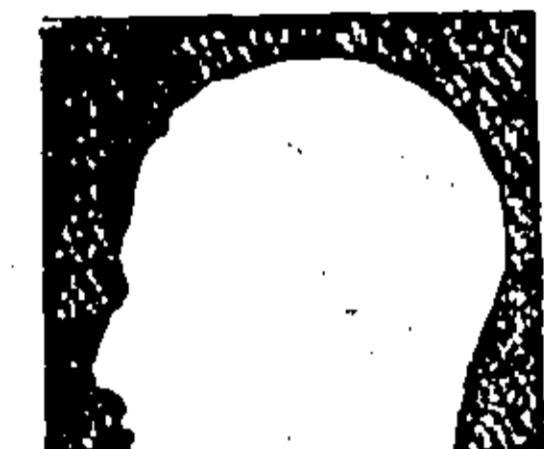
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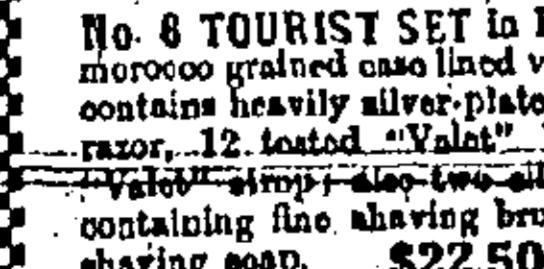
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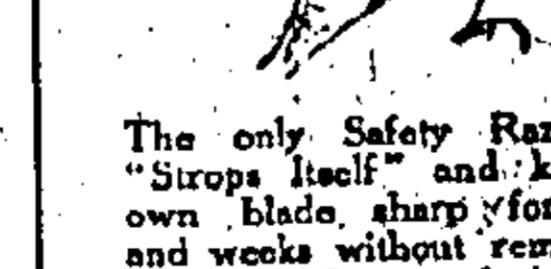
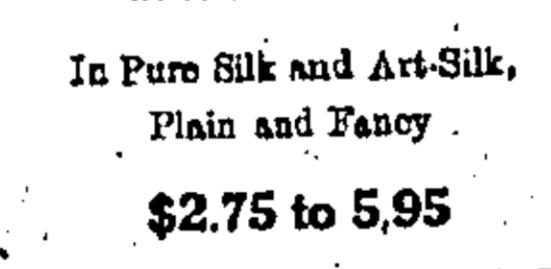
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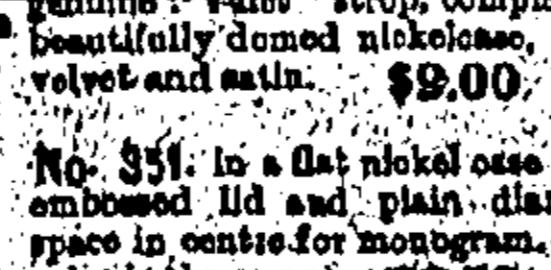
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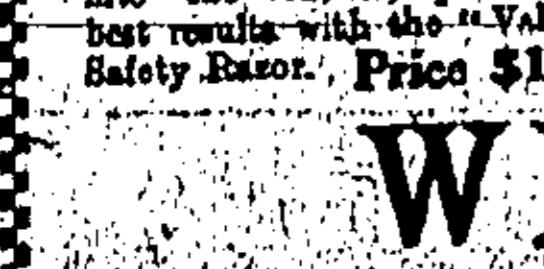
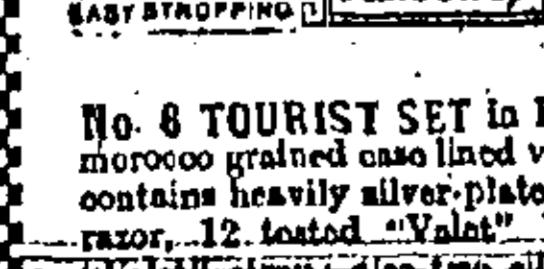
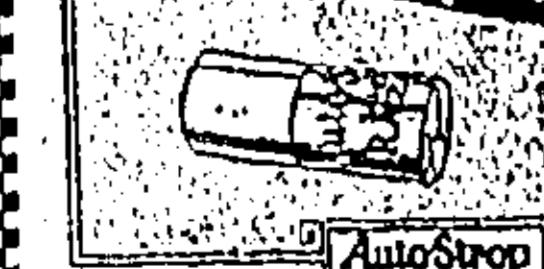
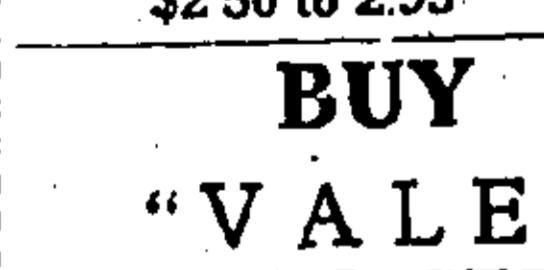
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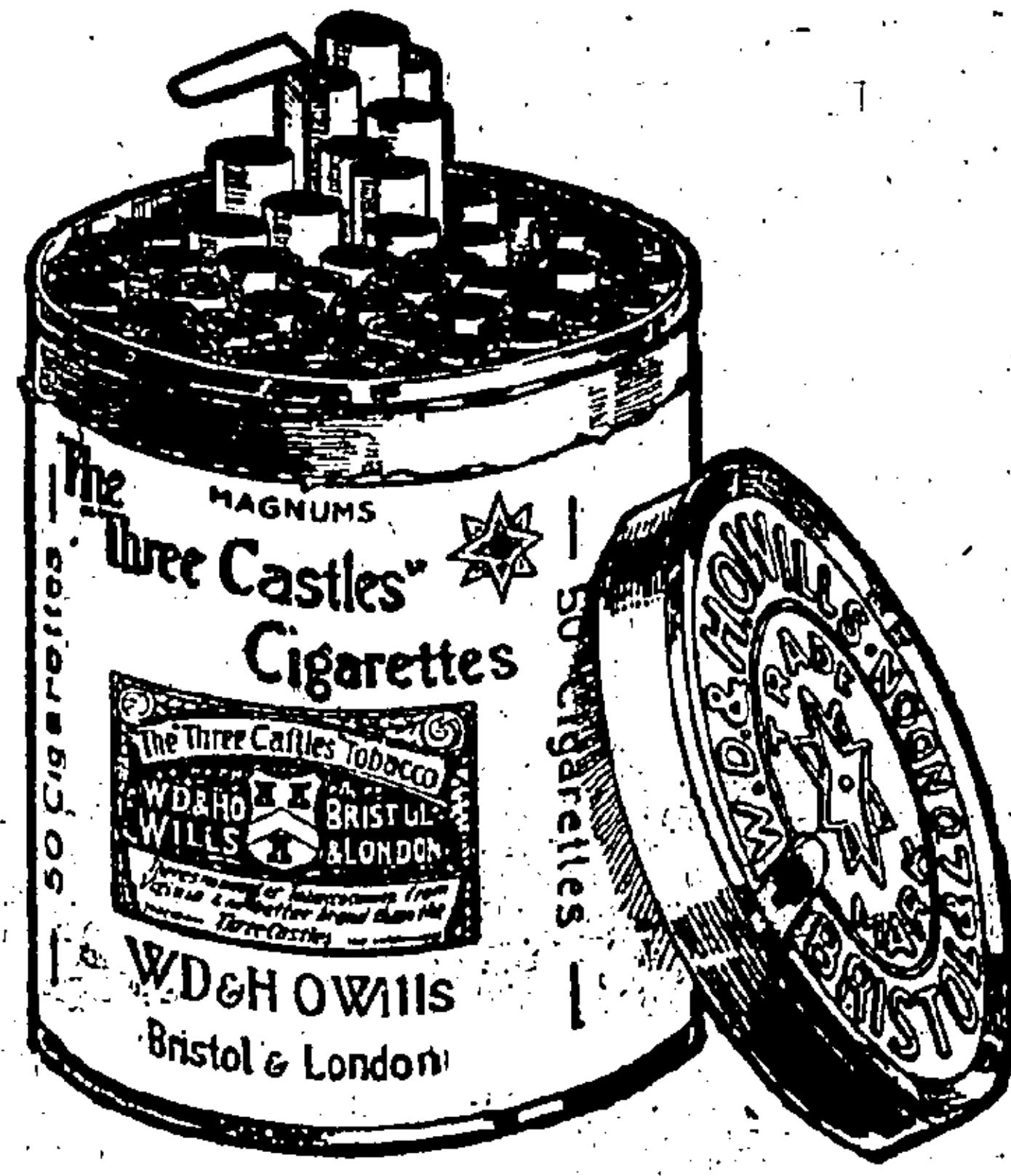
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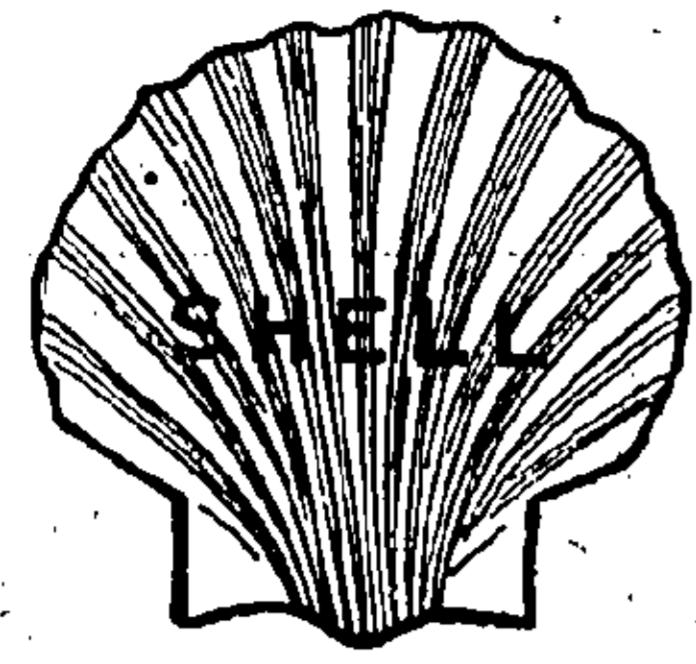
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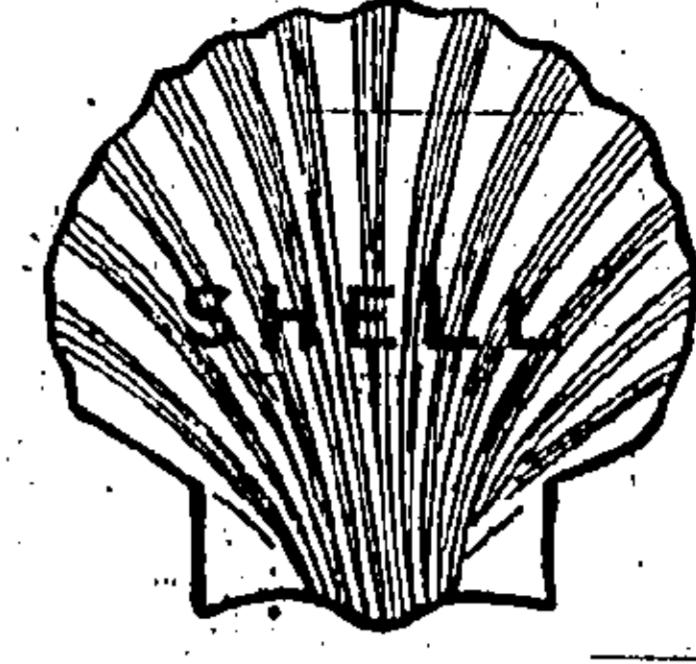
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1924

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Jan.	Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane,
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"KASHGAR"	8,840	24th Dec.	Shib, Moji and Kobe.
"MORVA"	10,911	23rd Feb.	Shanghai.
"KARMALA"	9,048	8th Mar.	Moji and Kobe.
"NALDERA"	10,903	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"K'YBER"	9,014	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,938	12th Apr.	Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,118	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji, and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,969	17th May	Shanghai, Moji, and Kobe.
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CHURCH NOTES.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

THE EPISTLE.

The message of the Epistle is Hope. The passage is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, towards the close of which he is pleading for the exercise of forbearance between Christian people. He is endeavouring to persuade those who were by nature liberal-minded, to recognize and to sympathize with those who were over scrupulous about small matters. The Apostle makes his position perfectly clear. Those who are strong in faith should be ready to submit to certain disabilities for the sake of their weaker brethren. For all Christians must be willing to place themselves under the obligation of love. It is not what a man likes personally in matters of minor detail, that he should consider, but what is of most service to his friends. "For Christ also pleased not Himself." And this characteristic of the Saviour was foreseen in the Scriptures that were written down that we thought patience might have hope.

By the Scriptures St Paul means the Old Testament. In his eyes it had a two-folded value. In the first place it contained great moral and spiritual truths; in the second it continually bore witness to Christ. Now it is the second purpose of Scripture which brings hope to the reader. For it reveals the world as fulfilling a purpose directed and guided by God. The writers of the Old Testament looked forward through long periods of overwhelming troubles and distress to a clearly defined climax, the coming of the Messiah. Again and again occasions arose when the prospect was darkened, and there seemed to be no likelihood of a happy issue. Many there were in these periods of depression who fainted by the way and abandoned their purpose. The Israelites, who came out of Egypt in the Exodus, died in the desert; those who were carried away captive to Babylon took to trade, and sought consolation for the loss of national hopes in commercial prosperity, but throughout the long and checkered career of the children of Israel there was always the little band who refused to give up hope, who

Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,
"Help us to rise, are baffled to fight better, sleep to wake."

With faith that comes of self-control
The truths that never can be proved
Until we close with all we loved.
And all we flow from, soul in soul.

ST. LUCY. DECEMBER 13TH.

That we may lift from out of dust
A voice as unto him that hears,
A cry above the conquer'd years
To one that with us works, and trust.

Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,
"Help us to rise, are baffled to fight better, sleep to wake."

Overwhelmed as they were by the facts of life which they were called upon to face, their hopes were finally vindicated when Jesus Christ was born in the stable at Bethlehem. That great fact, so simple in its outward aspect was the proof that their hopes had never been in vain, and so that Apostle directs the minds of his readers to the conception of God as a God of hope, who could fill them with all joy and peace in believing, and make them also abound more and more in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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HOME ELECTIONS.

WOMEN CANDIDATES ROUTED.

LONDON, December 7. Eleven women were defeated yesterday, including the Labourite Miss Jessie Stephen by the Conservative, Major H. R. Cayzer, at Portsmouth. To-day's declarations opened sensational with a Liberal gain at Basingstoke, shortly followed by the announcement that Miss Margaret Bondfield had gained Northampton for Labour in a triangular fight, the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. A. McCurdy, ex-Coalition Liberal Whip, being bottom of the poll. Capt. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, has been re-elected.

PARTY GAINS AND LOSSES.

At 4.30 this morning the parties stood as follows:

Conservatives	III
Liberals	69
Labour	78
Independents	6

The gains were—Conservatives 3, Liberals 31, Labour 30. The net losses of the Conservatives were 41 seats, and net gains of Liberals 10 and Labour 22.

The state of the parties at 12.30 p.m. was:

Conservatives	122
Liberals	70
Labour	82
Independents	6

At 1 p.m. the state of the parties was:

Conservatives	136
Liberals	70
Labour	91
Independents	6

At 1.30 p.m. the position was as under:

Conservatives	166
Liberals	75
Labour	106
Independents	7

The gains were 5 Conservatives, 40 Liberals, 37 Labour; and the losses 55 by Conservatives, 15 Liberals, 11 Labour and one Independent.

LABOUR NEXT TIME.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, learning of his election for the seventh time, declared that the result indicated that the Labour Party before long would not be His Majesty's Opposition, but His Majesty's Government. Mr. Churchill stated that whatever might be the consequences he would never associate himself with the violent movement of the Left nor the extreme reaction of the Right. He was certain from the results that Protection was broken in pieces.

Mr. Asquith, loudly cheered, stated that Paisley was the impregnable citadel of Liberalism and the Liberals all over the country were routing both Protection and Socialism.

CONSERVATIVES DISAPPOINTED.

The Conservatives admit a degree of disappointment at the first day's results, especially the adverse turnover, which was accentuated not only in Manchester, but Lancashire generally. Nevertheless, 350 results remain to be announced, a large proportion of them in county districts traditionally Conservative, where the Government supporters profess confidence they have strengthened their hold by the policy of agricultural subsidy.

Major Cayzer has been re-elected for Portsmouth South.

Major General Sir F. H. Sykes, Conservative, has been re-elected for Hallam with an increased majority. His majority at the last election was 4,232.

Sir A. Shirley Benn, Conservative, Plymouth, has had his majority reduced by nearly 3,000. His majority at the last election was 3,339.

Major the Rt. Hon. Sir J. L. Baird, Conservative, has been re-elected for Ayr with a reduced majority.

MAJORITY REDUCED.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Conservative, has been re-elected for Woodgreen. His majority has been reduced by 9,000. At the last election his majority was over 12,000.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain has been re-elected.

The Labourite Mr. Young has gained Partick in a triangular contest, defeating Mr. Allan Smith, Conservative Free Trader and Mr. McCallum Scott, Liberal; while the Labourite Mr. Ben Smith gained Rotherhithe against a Conservative and Liberal.

Mr. Fletcher Moulton, Liberal, gained Salisbury, defeating a Conservative and a Liberal, Mr. Mitchell, similarly gained Perth.

BIRMINGHAM PRO-GOVERNMENT.

Sir. Maitland has been elected at Birmingham, which is proving staunch Government.

Lt.-Colonel L. C. M. S. Amery (Conservative) was returned with an increased majority at Sparbrook, thus making Birmingham solid pro-Government, but Mr. Neville Chamberlain's majority was reduced to 1,554.

Mr. Baldwin's majority at Bowdley was increased to 6,369.

(At the last election the Premier polled 11,192 votes to 5,749 cast for Mr. Sardius Hancock, Liberal).

Mr. Ramsey MacDonald has been re-elected, with an increased majority.

In the Westbury (Wiltshire) Division, Mr. C. W. Darbyshire, Liberal, retained the seat. The polling was:

Mr. C. W. Darbyshire (Liberal)	10,867
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Captain Shaw (Conservative)	9,891
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Mr. George Ward (Labour)	4,372
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[At the last election Mr. Darbyshire polled 9,903 votes, Brig-General G. L. Palmer (Conservative) 9,262, and Mr. George Ward 4,572.]

LOSS OF "TREVESSA".

LONDON, December 7. The Board of Trade enquiry into the loss of the "Trevesca" in the Indian Ocean on June 4 found that the vessel sank through springing a leak, but that there was no evidence to justify a positive finding as regard to the cause. It did not consider any individual blameworthy as the boats were properly equipped and fine seamanship was displayed by the officers and crew.

CHINA RELIEFS.

NEW CREWS FOR THE "DURBAN" AND "MAGNOLIA."

LONDON, December 7. The light cruiser "Weymouth," en route to the China Station with relief crews for the light cruiser "Durban" and the sloop "Magnolia" leaves Sheerness on the 15th inst., reaches Colombo on the 21st January and arrives at Singapore, where she meets the "Durban" and "Magnolia" on the 1st February.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

NYORK, December 7. According to despatches received from Vera Cruz, Mexico, five Mexican States are in open rebellion against President Obregon. They have repudiated the Federal Government and replaced Federal office holders. The Commander of the Gulf fleet, the Chief of Marines and General Guadalupe Sanchez have written to President Obregon, stating that they are resolved to defend the institutions against which the Oregon Government is offending in violating the sovereignty of States and refusing to permit the free functioning of their legislative powers.

Two columns of rebel troops comprising six thousand men are advancing on Mexico City. Fifteen thousand additional men are concentrated at Vera Cruz. All strategic positions have been reinforced.

VERA CRUZ, December 7.

The rebel movement has already spread to nine states and the entire oil region of Tampico and Huasteca. Loyal troops are now in contact with the rebels.

Fifteen Mexican Deputies arrived here with a view of establishing a Congress and the designation of a provisional President.

MEXICO CITY, December 7.

President Obregon has arrived at Toute from Celaya and is proceeding to Chapultepec Castle for a Cabinet Conference. The President declares that the country must be pacified and the rebellion suppressed with an iron hand. It is reported from San Luis-Potosi that Federal troops disarmed the State forces and have crushed the rebellion there.

COOLIDGE'S ADDRESS.

NEW YORK, December 7.

The morning papers consider that the President's message is a model of clearness but comment on his sentiments on the various questions strictly in accordance with their own political leanings. The New York Times says that the message reveals President Coolidge as a man of first class political ability who steps forward as the inevitable leader of his party.

The Tribune thinks it would be difficult to state the case for the World Court more succinctly or more forcibly. The World declares that the President's attitude towards foreign affairs briefly put is "we mean mighty well but what we mean I cannot quite say." It adds that President Coolidge admits that America has a direct interest in the recovery of Europe which has nothing to say regarding how that interest should be made effective.

MESSAGE BROADCASTED.

NEW YORK, December 7.

By means of broadcasting millions of Americans heard President Coolidge deliver his message to Congress. They caught every phrase and cheered with Senators and Congressmen. President Coolidge's accents could be heard coming from the open doorways of transoms in scores of New York shops. American Service.

ROYAL VISIT TO HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM, December 7.

It is reported that their British Majesties will pay an official visit to Holland in 1929.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A. O. L. s.s. "City of Spokane" sailed from Seattle on Oct. 31 and is due here on or about Dec. 12.

The B. F. a.s. "Lemuel" left Liverpool on Nov. 17 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Dec. 21.

The B. F. a.s. "Hyson" left Liverpool on Nov. 18 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Dec. 26.

The B. F. a.s. "Ivyton" left Liverpool on Nov. 24 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Dalian and is due here on or about Dec. 27.

The A. O. L. s.s. "Eldon" is expected to arrive from New York via ports on January 10, 1929.

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COMMERCIAL NOTES

FLOUR MARKET COMMENT.

Stocks of flour in the Colony at present are comparatively small.

Chinese importers are of the opinion that price should have moved up but it had not been for the large quantities of "futures" sold in the last few months. Buyers of these lots are undergoing the imports.

Inquiries for "spot" lots are not numerous. On the other hand, both buyers and sellers are adopting a "wait and see" policy

as regards transactions in "futures".

For which average quotations are

for clearance in two months about

five or six cents H.K. currency per

50 lbs. sack lower than "spot".

There is no change to record in the

prices given yesterday. It is men-

tioned that import freight is scarce

and difficult to book.

JAVA SUGAR.

Buyers of No. 24 rough white

Java sugar were inactive yesterday

but prices remain steady. Every

body seems to be taking a short

"breather" before engaging in

further deals.

RICE MARKET.

A slight improvement set in in

the local rice market yesterday and

a firm tone still prevails. Prices in

THE
GRAND

TO-NIGHT at 9.15
HOOT GIBSON
IN
"DEAD GAME"

SUNDAY at 9.15
GLADYS WALTON
IN
"THE LOVE LETTER"

"FEWER AND BETTER."

THE MOTTO OF MODERN MOVIELAND.

The recent announcement of a famous firm of motion picture producers that they will close down temporarily, as in their opinion the industry is suffering from the effects of over-production, puts the matter of cinema development right into the limelight.

Not many months ago the leading men in Movieland decided that the Great Public were demanding "Better Pictures," and, in spite of the natural exploitation of the phrase in advertising their products, they did proceed to present quite a number of films that are far in advance of the previous article.

Now the trend is to cut down the number of productions per annum, and increase the time and trouble taken upon films, so that where some studios a few years ago put out, say, 52 films a year, they will not attempt to make more than ten or a dozen under the new system.

The amount of research and technical advice necessary for a first class photoplay would surprise the average visitor to the cinema. Added to this is the work-entitled in preparing the huge sets, and rehearsing the crowds of actors; matters that call for men of great ability and long experience.

From the financial point of view alone, therefore, it is not surprising to read the statement of the Company concerned in the innovation that their aim from now on will be to make motion pictures that in the fullness of time will enjoy just as lasting a reputation as any play presented on the spoken stage. Very few films at present flourish for long; and costs are so prohibitive that a "failure" is an enormous loss. "Fewer and Better" pictures, they claim, will mean more satisfaction and a more enduring entertainment for the public—and, one may presume, a more certain recompence to the producer.

WAY DOWN EAST.STILL CONSIDERED
GRIFFITH'S BEST.

Judging by the surprising success that has attended the "return" of Griffith's "Way Down East" to the cinemas in the larger cities of Europe and America, the general run of movie goers have still a very warm place in their heart for the picture that proved a sensation upon its first presentation.

Many people who make a point of seeing all Griffith's pictures contend that "Way Down East" is still his best production. Others, they say, may be more spectacular, or more dramatic in incident. But they claim that for straightforward, moving narration in a simple story "Way Down East" has no rival.

It is certain that the human appeal in the picture goes to the heart of all classes. For many years the stage play enjoyed universal popularity, but when Griffith presented his big film it was generally conceded that he had far surpassed the original.

There are no laboured efforts to "thrill" in the film. Yet, at the same time it contains a final scene that is even at the most exciting and breath-taking ever shown. The rescue of the unconscious girl from the drifting ice floe is based upon fact, and has the advantage of being a natural development of the story.

"Way Down East" is to

realise the reader's "an enormous and exciting opportunity."

CINEMA CHATTER.



SOURCE: BARTLETT DRIVES ANNA FROM HIS HOME IN DAY-GRIFFITH'S "WAY DOWN EAST".

ONE EXCITING NIGHT.
GRIFFITH SCORES WITH DRAMA.

David W. Griffith's screen thriller "One Exciting Night" is a picture that in every way lives up to its name. To the legion of film fans who have followed the Griffith flag in the past, his new offering will appear much of a departure from his usual paths, but they will have to admit that he has achieved the seeming impossible in producing a picture that combines the elements of love, mystery, burlesque, and melodrama and woven a story that is as full of thrills as a cocoon is full of meat.

It has an appeal for virtually every class of theatre-goer, for it contains all the elements that go to make up a complete whole. While it is not a spectacular film, like "Intolerance" nor an historical production like "Orphans of the Storm," he has shown that he is capable of constructing a detective drama that has the same skill in making as an historical narrative, and, at the same time, offer an entertainment that is typically Griffithesque. To do this properly, however, there must be at least one scene that will leave its impress upon the audience. In

"One Exciting Night" it is the storm scene, one of the most realistic tempests ever simulated upon stage or screen. The photography in it is superb. Flying branches and streaming rain fill the air, huge trees are uprooted, and the howl of the wind and the concussion of the thunderbolts is given with a graphic intensity that cause the most hardened theatre-goer to gasp with excitement. It gives opportunity for some of the most gripping moments of the story, as well, when the heroine, in pursuit of the mysterious villain, plunges through the confusion, and is herself rescued by the hero.

Carol Dempster heads the cast, with Henry Hull, who also gives a fine performance. Miss Dempster does some remarkable work, and her agility in the storm scene is little short of amazing. Morgan Wallace does fine work as an elderly scoundrel, and the rest of the players are well cast.

COOGAN FILM PERFECT.

To one not familiar with life in Egypt, the mistakes of a director filming Egyptian episodes and never having visited Egypt, would be unimportant. But to many people visiting the motion picture theatre, the mistakes of a director laying his episodes in London, would be painfully apparent.

Frank Lloyd, who directed Jackie Coogan in Charles Dickens' masterpiece, "Oliver Twist," was selected primarily because he is recognized by all picturegoers as one of the finest directors in the industry.

Another quality that rendered Lloyd the logical man to render

the logical man to render

PROGRAMME FEATURES

TO-NIGHT.

Caronet.—"Way Down East."

World.—"Through A Glass Window."

Star.—"Carmen"

Grand.—"Dead Game."

"TROUBLE."

JACKIE COOGAN FILM THAT WILL PLEASE ALL AGES.

In "Trouble," Jackie Coogan's new picture, the human appeal is so strong that the genuine characters in the play cannot fail to meet with success before any type of audience.

The appeal is derived from many sources, but primarily from the unusual personality of the diminutive star, Jackie Coogan, who does the best work of his career enacting the orphan whose indomitable spirit will not be denied.

The story is slight, but it provides enough material for the little fellow in what might be termed episodic form to allow him to display his acting talent, which is considerable, as anybody knows who has seen him in his previous productions of his own or with Charlie Chaplin in "The Kid."

There is one scene in particular in which Jackie excels. In it his work is inspired, and many an older performer could profit by the lesson in pantomime art. This is the court room scene. It alone is worth the price of admission. But the little star does not need to rely upon this one effort for the success of the picture.

"Trouble" contains sentiment without being sentimental. There is a generous amount of humour of a quiet kind, and it is balanced with just the right amount of pathos, without bathos. The titles are especially well written, and are nicely placed in the action.

Master Coogan is surrounded by a group of players that includes Wallace Beery and Gloria Hope, who are practically the only ones who have large parts. Beery, as might be expected, is great as the rough neck plumber who won't work.

Miss Hope is clever as his long suffering wife, who adopts the orphan. A young negro boy, who is not named in the cast, furnishes many laughs, and deserves mention.

"Trouble" reminds one of a circus. In "altruistically" taking a youngster to it, grown-ups have a good time themselves.

"In short, the cinema takes from the theatre only those plays that have no business there; and the resultant pressure on the theatres to find plays with some brains in them is of incalculable benefit to the drama."

PLAYS WITH BRAINS.

MR. G. B. SHAW ON EFFECT OF CINEMA COMPETITION.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw has made the following reply to Miss Pay Compton's query whether the cinema threatens to oust drama from the legitimate stage.

"When I began writing for the stage," Mr. Shaw says, "I was met with continual complaints that my plays contained dialogue. The critics were not used to it; they cried, 'These are not plays, they are all talk.' Our actors and actresses had nothing to say that mattered; they had to create the characters out of their own personality. They were wonderfully beautiful and fascinating, but they almost forgot how to speak; and some of them have not yet quite recovered the art."

"The drama," though it still kept up a tedious convention of giving the performers certain clichés to learn and repeat, was really a speechless drama; and most of the critics of that day had lost the faculty of listening, and could only gloat over the spectacle. The theatre was a godsend to them; they loved Mary Pickford, not for her charm, but for the blessed certainty that she would never say anything, and that they could still earn their living without thinking. But the result was that the layers of speechless drama deserted the theatre and crowded the cinema.

The theatres found themselves forced to find plays that had something to say instead of something to show.

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THE
STAR

TO-NIGHT
"CARMEN"
TO-MORROW
"OTELLO"
MONDAY
"LA TOSCA"
TUESDAY
"FAUST"

"ETERNAL FLAME."

NORMA TALMADGE
CHERISHED HOPE.

Norma Talmadge has registered many screen achievements starring under the First National releasing banner. One of her most successful pictures, it will be remembered, was the emotional Spanish drama, "The Passion Flower." More recently came her notable triumph in "Smilin' Through." But Miss Talmadge has not yet been fully satisfied with the semi-costume pictures she had appeared in. She was consumed with ambition to attempt a monumental all costume production, which ambition she has at last realized in "The Eternal Flame."

"The Eternal Flame" is an adaptation of Balzac's "La Duchesse de Langeais," which after months spent searching for a suitable story was decided upon as a fitting one for the versatile young star with its background of pomp and magnificence; its frivolities and heartaches. Therefore, she depicts the complex character of that notable court beauty and coquette, La Duchesse de Langeais.

Those who have studied Miss Talmadge's work will follow her steady growth as an actress of great emotional powers are looking forward with keen interest to this latest part she is enacting, for they are assured she will give a finish and flawless artistry, to a role that will set graciously on her young shoulders.

For Norma Talmadge undeniably mixes beauty and personality with brains.

FAMOUS MODISTE.

ENGAGED TO COSTUME
NORMA TALMADGE.

The one-woman costume shop is here!

Not run by one woman, but for one, The Walter Israel's, noted costumers of both the Eastern and Western Coasts, will hereafter look after the costuming of Norma Talmadge, for they have recently arrived in Hollywood and opened the Maison Israel out at United Studios, where Joseph M. Schenck has his producing units at work.

The one-woman shop is a unique establishment, especially since it has at its head so significant a personality in the realm of creative clothes as Mr. Israel. However, Miss Talmadge is far more interested in the widespread influence of her pictures because of this venture than she is at having a notable costumer and his staff numbered among her entourage for her own personal adornment.

Like all artists, she realizes the importance of a strict adherence to detail and period in not only her own creations but those of her casts. Now she announces that instead of keeping the shop for her own convenience and that of her sister, Constance, she intends to throw open its doors for the benefit of her company in order to perfect every detail of costume and design in her production.

With this end in view, Mr. Israel will soon bring his New York tailoring to Los Angeles. Not will the showing be limited to gowns and wraps, but will include the dresses or in other feminine accessories, while two buyers will be continually en route to and from New York and the incoming ships.

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BOOKS

REACTIONS OF A READER.

We cannot account for our reluctance to read Mrs. Mary Webb's novel, "Seven for a Secret" unless it was that the title struck us as illusive, a shade annoying. We are sensitive to titles; we like to like them. This one we could not remember when the book was out of reach, and you will agree that there is something amiss with such a title. You see, the average reader does not know that old lifting West country rhyme:

I saw seven magpies in a tree,
One for you and six for me.
One for sorrow,
Two for joy,
Three for a girl,
Four for a boy,
Five for silver,
Six for gold,
Seven for a secret
That's never been told.

Now that whatever message of praise the more discriminating of the reviewers accorded this book has long since been silenced, we discover that we like it rather better than most current novels. For one thing, it bears us out in a favourite conviction: that the English, by reason of their richer inheritance, can handle a story of this nature with a restraint still unattainable by the Americans. The English preserve sanity, poise, balance, perspective. So horribly much depends upon the method. Give this plot over to certain of the younger Americans and watch what they would make of it. Mrs. Webb gives us a picture of very real men and women, farming people of Shropshire, close to the Welsh border, painted against a setting of sheep-strown purple moorland, haunted by gypsies and shimmering moonlight. The author uses her natural background as a protagonist in the story, in the manner of Thomas Hardy. Her characterization is masterly, her style has both charm and power; and so delicately does she touch upon the intertwined problems and frailties of human experience as never to be offensive or vulgar. The novel was worth coming so late.

M. W.

NEW NOVELS.

GOOD HUNTING.

(Chapman & Hall. 7s. 6d. net.) Lively, caustic, witty, and wise, Mr. Norman Davey's new story will afford plenty of satisfaction to that large class of readers whose withers are unwrung by his satire. There will be other classes roughly, two in number, who will, perhaps, profess annoyance at his sincerity. There is, first, the young man about town, the eligible "part," encouraged by scheming mothers, who is so confident of his own claims as to be perpetually afraid of getting "caught." And there is, on the other hand, the young girl trained in the belief that marriage is the only possible business of womanhood and fretfully anxious as the temperament of personality. The book should be read slowly, laid away and sifted down only upon urgent impulse; for, read straight through, it affrights. The sculptor is overbearingly fastidious and sophisticated. Yet such a fragment as "Le Bloc d'Or," in which M. Hyacinthe Simon seeks to add the final to his success by ordering a bust of himself in marble, is superbly done.

There is now available another edition of Mr. Walter de la Mare's "Songs of Childhood," with illustrations by Eustache Canziani. At first glance we did not see the justification, though of course there could never be too much de la Mare. But as we looked further, we caught the cue. We found, were thinking of William Blake, for the little drawings do recall his workmanship. Suddenly, too, we realized that it was fitting that Blake should come into our thought, that he and de la Mare are intellectual peers. What do centuries matter? Mr. de la Mare is assuredly more of Blake's generation than were his own contemporaries. We are convinced of it, particularly when he writes from the standing-ground of the child. These poems rouse the same response that do all of Mr. de la Mare's poems in the hearts of Blake lovers.

We have not yet read, "The Able MacLaughlin," Miss Margaret Wilson's prize novel; but we begin to think we must. For we heard one of its ardent admirers say that it is just the book for the younger generation, an excellent antidote to the run of modern fiction. As such it may even come with a rush of relief to their elders.

M. W.

Mr. Julian Carr sets them all in pursuit of the main chance; and it must be confessed that some of them stoop to sufficiently questionable manœuvres in order to entangle Mr. Carr in his amatory talk. In fact, they all overreach themselves; even Bobbie, the engaging daughter of a peculiarly repulsive person, who casts aside her last shred of modesty in the determination to display her charms to the gaze of her too obdurate charmer. Mr. Carr, we begin to believe, is destined to perpetual bachelorhood; but at last, like the gay Lord Quex of other years, he falls a victim to the "usual, creamy English girl," who is, none, the less, not such a fool as she looks, since she is taking to herself a husband in order to cover her intrigue with another and a younger paramour. A sad cynic is Mr. Norman Davey, you may be tempted to say, but he is a thoroughly-going wit as well, and the bright, incisive spirit of his latest novel will, no doubt, increase the number of that enthusiastic public which lifted the author of "The Pilgrim of a Smile" into the front rank of favorite novelists within a few weeks of his first appearance at the libraries.

O. HENRY MEMORIAL STORIES.

(Heinemann. 7s. 6d. net.)

One approaches the fourth volume of O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories with both sympathy and admiration. Sympathy for the committee in their gigantic task of reading through and assessing the value of some hundreds of short stories; and admiration for the general success with which their efforts have been attended. The art of the short story is rare, and it is given to few people to possess that facility in it which marked the work of the master whose name this memorial perpetuates. Therefore it is easy enough to imagine, without the aid of the very interesting analytical introduction, the difficulties which confronted the committee in agreeing to the final selection of examples worthy of perpetuation in this book.

They have chosen sixteen, giving the first prize of \$500 to Mr. Irvin S. Cobb's "Snake Doctor," the second of \$250 to Mrs. Rose Wilder Lane's "Innocence," and a special prize of \$100 to Mr. F. R. Buckley's "Gold Mounted Gun," three excellent examples of the American short story. Of the collection as a whole, it is unnecessary to say, very

much, bearing in mind the care and attention devoted to the work of selection. But the wise reader will note the series, good as it undoubtedly is, is more enjoyable if he takes it slowly. The American short story is no more palatable than the common run of British efforts of the kind if taken in large doses.

VOLTAIRE AND GIBON.

The one was fire andickleness, a child, Most mutable in wishes, but in mind, A wit as various—gay, grave, sage or wild— Historian, bard, philosopher, combined; He multiplied himself among mankind, The Proteus of their talents; but his own Breathed most in ridicule—which, as the wind, Blew where it listed, laying all things prone— Now to overthrow a fool, and now to shake a throne.

The other, deep and slow, exhausting thought,

And hiving wisdom with each studious year,

In meditation dwelt, with learning wrought,

And shaped his weapon with an edge severe,

Sapping a solemn creed with solemn sneer;

The lord of mercy—that master-spell,

Which stung his foes to wrath,

Which grew from fear,

And doomed him to the zealot's ready hell,

Which answer, to all doubts so eloquently well.

—Byron (1788-1824).

NOTES.

The posthumous work of the late Sir William Robertson Nicoll, entitled "Dickens's Own Story," has been published by Messrs. Chapman and Hall.

A new "History of English Literature," in one volume, is to be published at once by Messrs. Nelson. Mr. John Buchan is the editor, assisted by Sir Henry Newbolt and Dr. Ernest Baker. It will have many illustrations from contemporary prints and several important contributors.

LATEST FICTION LIST.

"Limehouse Nights—tales of Chinatown" by Thomas Burke. \$1.75.
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 "Peace in Our Time" by Oliver Onions. \$3.50.
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 "The Street of Many Arches" by Joan Conquest and Gwen Lally. \$3.50.

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CHATER ROAD, HONGKONG.

Mr. Clement K. Shorter, editor of the "Sphere," brought out some three years ago a collected edition of the Poems of Anne Brontë, through the firm of Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton. He has now prepared a couple of companion volumes containing the Complete Poems of Emily and Charlotte Brontë, arranged and collated with notes and bibliographical introductions by Mr. C. W. Hatfield. The poems of Emily Brontë have always been recognised by all instructed lovers of poetry, and this uniform edition of the lyrical work of all the three sisters is sure of a big public.

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John Morley (recalls a British daily) grew up to manhood at a time of quite unusually splendid activity in English letters. The year, for instance, in which he took his degree at Oxford was surely one of the most prolific in literary history, for among the amazing stream of great books which succeeded each other month after month in 1860 were Darwin's "Origin of Species," Thackeray's "Virginius," Dickens's "Tale of Two Cities," Eliot's "Adam Bede," Meredith's "Ordeal of Richard Feverel," Henry Kingsley's "Geoffrey Hamlyn," Buskin's "Two Paths," Mill's "Liberty," Fitzgerald's translation of "Omar Khayyam," and Tennyson's "Idylls of the King." And, in addition works of minor importance by writers like Mrs. Gaskell, Charles Kingsley, and Matthew Arnold were appearing regularly in various periodicals.

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Mr. Rudyard Kipling is to issue a new book. The title is "Land and Sea Tales for Boys and Girls," consisting of sixteen poems and stories, all hitherto unpublished.

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The Universal entertainment at the World Theatre is a new sort of flapper yarn. As "Don't Get Personal," Mario Prevost fits charmingly through the stellar role of a comedy drama directed by Clarence Budger.

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The reason for this sudden acquistion of knowledge is that the



Mario Prevost
IN
"AMUSING WORLD PICTURE"

FORCEFUL WRITER.

THIRD NORRIS STORY FILMED.

Bessie Barriscale, by her choice of the third in a series of Kathleen Norris stories, for use on the screen has given this popular writer of engrossing stories and serials the same endorsement which the editors of the best American publications began consistently to give her about ten years ago.

In "The Luck of Geraldine Baird," which will be seen here at the World Theatre for 3 days starting on Sunday, Miss Barriscale puts on the screen the story which Mrs. Norris gave the reading world under the same title.

Author CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Norris comes from that part of the country, where the motion pictures have birth—California. She was born there about forty years ago, and so finds herself very successful at the age when the novelist usually is just beginning to come to his own. She was educated in California by private tutors, and by her parents. Later she attended the University of California, where she took special literary courses.

Her maiden name was Kathleen Thompson. She changed it April 30, 1909, when she was married to Charles Gilman Norris, of San Francisco. With marriage came the inspiration to write and she began to contribute to the Atlantic Monthly, McClure's, the American, Everybody's, the Ladies' Home Journal and other magazines in the next two or three years. Within five years after publication of her first stories she had started to write serials, and had gained a wide public.

MISS BARRISCALE'S APPRECIATION.

Among her longer stories which won success when printed in magazines, and which later appeared in book form were "Mother," "Saturday Child." The first story of hers which was chosen for screen was "The Heart of Rachel." Soon after Miss Barriscale purchased the rights to "Joseline's Wife" and "The Luck of Geraldine Baird" followed.

Miss Barriscale finds something particularly suited to her talents in Mario Norris' stories and will continue to find them, I am sure, having her eye now on what will go on through leading men.

With T. Roy Barnes and Roy Atwell in the main masculine roles and George Nichols, the father of "Molly-O"—in the chief character part, it ought to offer a snappy, free-for-all mordant flipper-fun.

Ralph McCullough, Alida Tami, Daisy Kammann, Sadie Gordon and Dolores are the other principal players supporting Miss Prevost.

Barnes has the appropriate role of a wise young man with a strong dramatic sense and a fine love for permitting his man in love with him. But, of course, that

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MAY McAVOY.

THROUGH A GLASS WINDOW STAR.

It was a very "sweet" picture, the first photoplay in which May McAvoy ever appeared. For the young star who appears for the last time to-day at the World Theatre, in "Through a Glass Window," made her picture debut in a one-reel affair advertising a popular brand of sugar.

She took that advertising job because the casting directors for regular legitimate drama couldn't see her. They thought she was too small and failed to recognize the remarkable appeal of the girl.

Robert Ellis, Wallace Beery, Kathryn McGuire and Beatrice Burnham were given opportunities in the story for distinctly novel portrayals.

Mrs. Norris knows women, said Miss Barriscale, in commenting upon the series which she has made all from the same pen. "Or perhaps it might be better to say that she and I have the same ideas about the inner hearts of women. At any rate her stories seem to me to be human and sympathetic written stories now to be told." That is why I have taken three of them for screen vehicles, and may take

more. When the "sugar" photoplay appeared, however, they revised their ideas and she jumped into instant popularity, a popularity which led to stardom following her appearance in "Grazia" in Berlin.

"Through a Glass Window" is a Realist picture. It was written by Olga Prout

ROTARY.

ABOUT IT AND ABOUT.

[Our references to the desirability of establishing either an International Club in the Colony, or a Rotary Club, has excited interest. Thanks to Mr. R. L. Moeller, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., we are enabled to give in concise form information regarding The Rotary Club and what it seeks to do. "To aim at the very highest and best but to be content with the best possible, is the only true wisdom of Rotary," one writer has said, whilst another remarks, "The value of membership in Rotary depends upon whether or not we gain ideals of good, clean, vigorous, serviceable citizenship, and the ability to express such ideals in deeds which count." The individual Rotarian is enjoined to lead an exemplary life—"not perfect, for none are, but at least decent."]

THE ROTARY CLUB.
Meets once each week for luncheon or dinner.

Membership farmed on the unique plan of an active and representative man from each line of business and profession in the community. OBJECTS.

To encourage and foster:

(a) High ethical standards in business and professions.

(b) The ideal of SERVICE as the basis of all worthy enterprise.

(c) The active interest of every Rotarian in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of his community.

(d) The development of a broad acquaintanceship as an opportunity for service as well as an aid to success.

(e) The interchange of ideas and of business methods as a means of increasing the efficiency and usefulness of Rotarians.

(f) The recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations and the dignifying of the occupation of each Rotarian as affording him an opportunity to serve society.

BENEFITS.

Making the acquaintance of men you ought to know.

Genuine, wholesome good-fellowship.

Developing true and helpful friends.

Enlightenment as to other men's work, problems and successes.

Education in methods that increase efficiency.

Stimulation of your desire to be of service to your fellow men and society in general.

Business returns that come from enlarging your acquaintance and inspiring confidence in you and your business.

DELEGATIONS.

To attend meetings regularly.

To pay dues promptly.

To act when called upon.

To be a big-hearted, broad-minded man—a man of energy and action—a real man—a Rotarian.

SCOPE AND PURPOSES.

A Rotary Club consists of men selected from each distinct business or profession, and is organized to accomplish:

First: The betterment of the Individual Member.

Second: The betterment of the Member's Business, both in a practical way and in an ideal way.

Third: The betterment of the Member's Craft or Profession as a whole.

Fourth: The betterment of the Member's Home, his Town, State and Country, and of Society as a whole.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER—PERSONALLY.

For its members Rotary provides activities which will:

(1) Extend their horizon of business experience.

(2) Stimulate their minds to travel in unfrequented channels of thought.

(3) Arouse them to service for others.

(4) Help them attain their greatest possibilities.

(5) Make them leaders among men.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE MEMBER'S BUSINESS—PRACTICAL AND IDEAL.

On the practical side, the Rotary activities provide an opportunity for increased business through the establishment of cordial, intimate, friendly relations between members.

duty of the club officers to provide the members with knowledge of and inspiration for active participation in civic betterment. As a general rule, the manifestation of the Rotarian's interest in civic should result in his activity as an individual or as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, etc., rather than in concerted action in the name of the Rotary Club. There are specific instances, however, where service to the community demands that the Rotary Club shall act collectively, but such action should take place only after the most careful prior consideration. The activities of the Rotary Club should not duplicate the work of the many highly efficient organizations which are found in all towns and cities.

Any question on which the respective political parties have taken sides should not be submitted to a vote in any club. This restriction is obviously intended to safeguard the precious friendships which exist in the club.

No limitation or suggestion covering Rotary's work in charity has been attempted, and, therefore, the activities along this line are as numerous as the many forms of charity.

On the ideal side, the Rotary activities provide members with codes of correct practices and high standards in business. In Rotary, ideals are not mere dreams of aspiration—they are working models for the member's daily life. They are equally applicable to his personal habits as to his business conduct. The ideals of Rotary cover all phases of business morality as well as the whole range of the various elements which enter into what is called "service." The practices and ideals connected with the member's business are happily blended in Rotary's slogan: Service Above Self—He Profits Most Who Serves Best.

The foregoing Rotary activities which concern themselves with the individual member and the individual member's business are all there is in Rotary as its founders understood it and as their followers have carried forward the original beliefs. The other Rotary activities, which arise mainly out of the inspiration of Rotary teachings, are distinguished as "Applied Rotary." When a man has been developed and educated in Rotary he is inspired with the desire to do something worth while—to create, as it were, a survival value. If the education of the member has been well done, "Rotary-at-Work" follows as naturally as day follows night. The essence of Rotary put-to-service becomes "Rotary Applied." Rotary here offers the member two definite fields for service.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE MEMBER'S CRAFT OR PROFESSION AS A WHOLE.

Rotarians are representatives from Rotary to their respective classifications. The betterment of the member's craft or profession can be accomplished by carrying to the craft or profession Rotary's ideals of business morality and service. While a member of the Rotary Club, filled with Rotary spirit, may make his business practices conform to Rotary ideals, this does not relieve him from the Rotary duty of trying to influence others of his classification who are outside of Rotary to do likewise. Let all Rotarians pay their debt of service in this way, and by this leaven the whole business world be leavened. This is Rotary's greatest opportunity for service.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE MEMBER'S HOME, HIS TOWN, STATE AND COUNTRY AND OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

The activities of Rotarians in accomplishing these betterments naturally group themselves into two main lines of effort—Civics and Charities. Rotary's province is to train each of its members to be a better citizen, a better member of the Chamber of Commerce, a more loyal American, Briton, Canadian, etc. All phases of local civic activity should be freely discussed at meetings, and it is the

activities of Rotarians in

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OUR \$50 PRIZE.

POPULAR GIRL CHRISTIAN NAMES.

As previously announced, we give this week, the first list of twenty girls' Christian names in our popular voting contest. Write them out in their correct order and win our \$50 prize. Other lists will follow each week. After these lists have all been decided, still further contests will be held to decide the finals. For each event every week we will give our usual \$50 prize. Someone must win! Why not you?

Twenty Christian names are given below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular names from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one dry for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competition may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be rated out.

The decision of the Editor upon any point which may arise shall be final.

Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give twenty Christian names. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ada
2...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Amy
3...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Beatrice
4...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cynthia
5...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Eileen
6...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Emily
7...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Evelyn
8...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Freida
9...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Grace
10...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Henrietta
11...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Irene
12...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jane
13...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Joyce
14...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Katherine
15...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Laura
16...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lucy
17...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mildred
18...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Phyllis
19...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rose
20...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Violet

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, December 8, 1923.
Hongkong.

Sir,

I consider the following the ten most popular Christian names from the above list, placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:

Please write clearly in block letters.

1...
2...
3...

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Here is a splendid close-up of Alex Kels, rich Lodi cattleman, who picked up a stranger, murdered him and then fired his own automobile, in order to make it appear he had been killed. Then Kels fled in the hope he says, his wife would collect his \$100,000 life insurance. Kels is under arrest, and his wife, an expectant mother, has not even been told he is alive.



Edith Kelly Gould, shown here in her dressing room in the Alhambra Theatre, in Paris, where she is making a success as a dancer, is the divorced wife of Frank J. Gould, one of the sons of the late Jay Gould. As Edith Kelly, she was a hit on the stage when Gould married her. When she was billed to appear in Paris as "Edith Kelly Gould" Gould sought an injunction to prevent her use of the Gould name, but the French courts refused to grant it.



This beer needle-gun, in the hands of Lieutenant James Scully, of the Chicago Police Department, was seized in one of the raids the Windy City police are conducting to stop the flood of spurious beer. The can on the desk contains ether. The playful moonshiner shoots ether into near-beer with the needle-gun, and the deadly product seems nearer, while, in fact, according to experts, death is nearer.

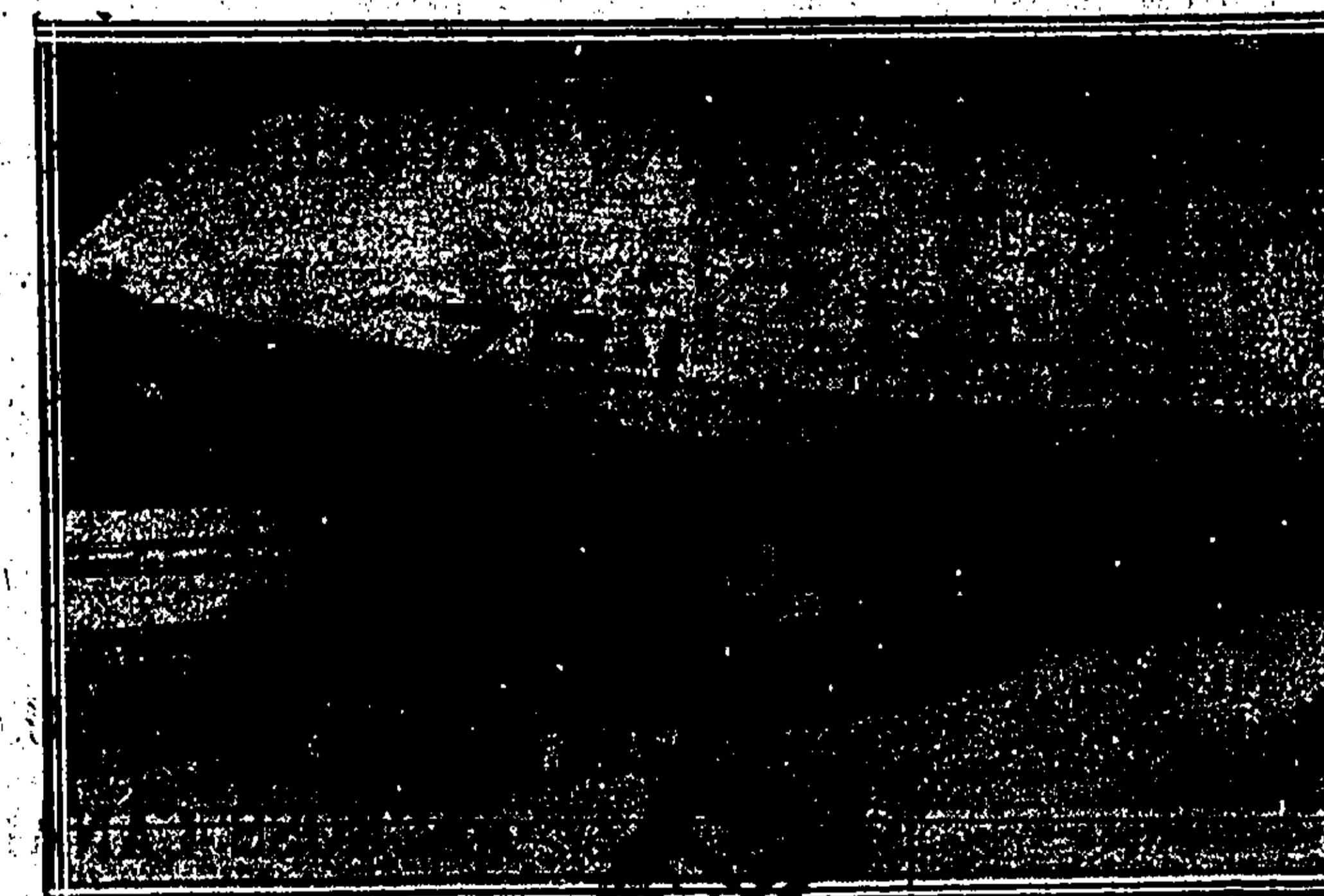


Rev. Basil Sietzuk, Mrs. Emily Strutynsky, and Rev. Nicholas Strutynsky.

In her cell in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Mrs. Emily Strutynsky, wife of the Rev. Nicholas Strutynsky, pastor of a little Greek Catholic Church declares she expects to go to the gallows for shooting Rev. Father Basil Sietzuk to death in the confessional box of St. Nicholas' Greek Catholic Church in Chicago. She declared she felt no sorrow for her crime, which she laid to alleged defamatory remarks made by the priest about her husband and his alleged handling of church funds while he was in Chicago. Father Strutynsky will stand by his wife at her trial.



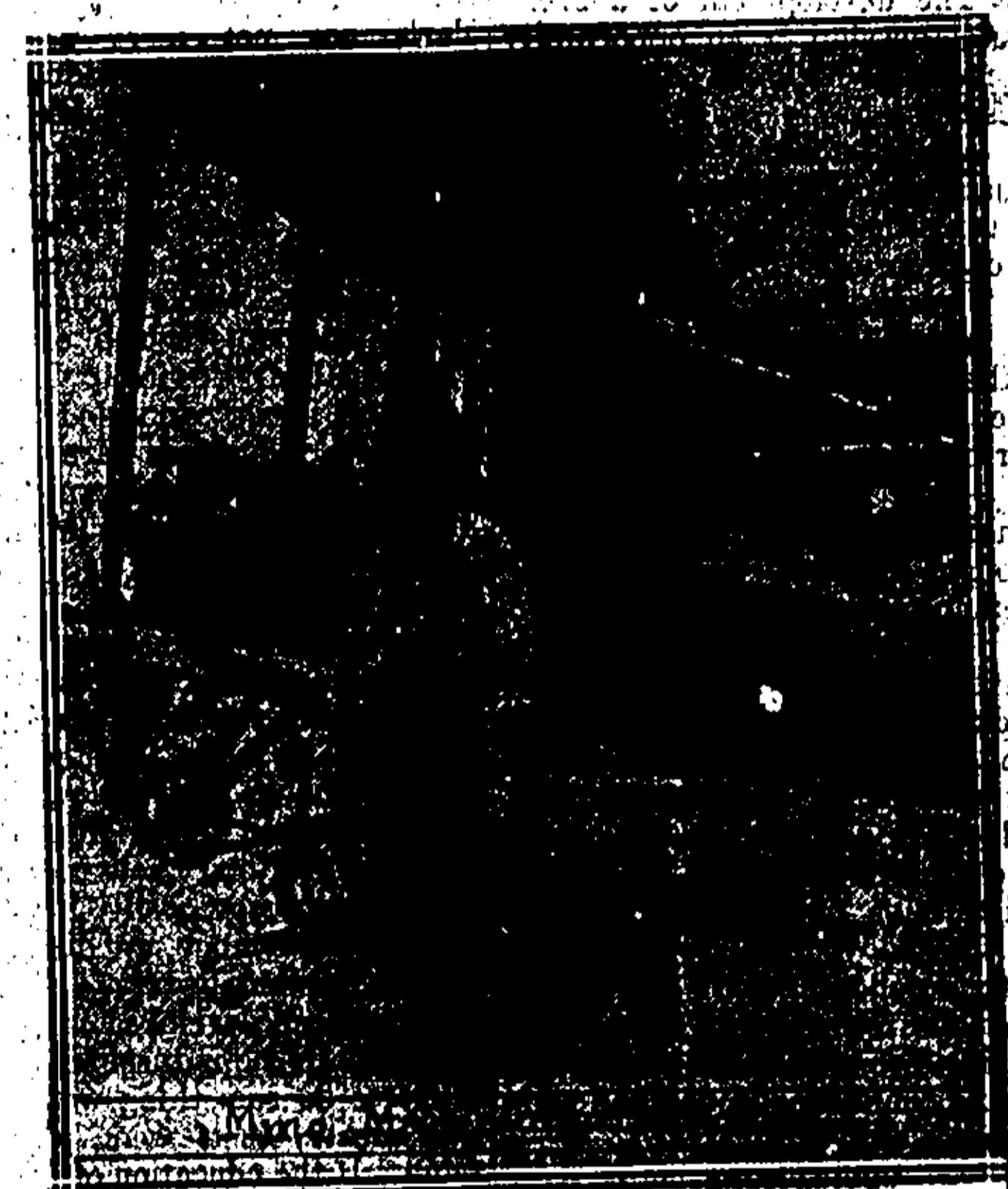
This is a photograph that has nothing to do with the declining mark or any other unpleasant subject. It is a seminary on wheels, leading to a degree of Bachelor of Agriculture. The photograph was taken at the Government School for Farm Girls at Schoora, Bavaria, where every pupil is the daughter of an impoverished family of the German nobility. A two years' course is necessary to get a degree, and the graduates are fully capable of conducting the entire workings of a large farm. The course begins in February, when the first work in the field is done, and ends in November at the close of the harvest season.



General view of the immense hangar at Lakehurst, where Mrs. Edwin Denby, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, rechristened the ZR-1, the world's largest dirigible balloon, with its new name "Shejandoah."



Manager John McGraw, of the New York Giants, and Manager Miller Huggins, of the New York Americans, snapped as they shook hands before the first game of the world's series in New York City.



Mme. Madge J. Negretti, of Tampico, Mexico, known as the bos woman shot in the Southern Republic, uses modern methods in her search for big game. Her chief hunting ground are in the Tamaulipas Mountains, which are to be reached only by long burro rides. However, by using an aeroplane she can reach the mountains in a few hours from Tampico.



Edwin C. Hoskins, an attache of the Letterman General Hospital, in San Francisco, was all ready to be married to Miss Dorothy Wells when the hospital surgeons needed a suitable subject for a blood transfusion to save a patient's life. Hoskins' blood was the only kind that would do, so the wedding was held for a few days while he gave up a quart of blood to a woman he had never seen.



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MARIONETTES.

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Valise.

Another gratifying fact has been the recognition by the Vatican of the moral character of this theatre, the only one in Italy to which priests are allowed to go, and the *Osservatore Romano*, the official papal paper has thus written about it: "In our days it is very rare to be able to speak of a theatrical initiative which is pure and noble. The modern theatre, which more often than not is of a very low, and degrading tone, will unfortunately pass down to posterity as one of the shameful things of our time. It is therefore worth while to speak of a performance such as the *Tempest* which embodies good taste and pure art, if for no other reason than to point out one good thing out of so many unworthy ones, and the performances of this theatre are amongst the most beautiful to be unreservedly admired in the present day European theatre." (17.2.23.)

That this educational artistic side has been appreciated also by the English-speaking audiences which have seen these performances in Rome, is gauged by the various articles which have appeared in English and American papers and magazines. To mention only a few:—A long illustrated article in the *Teacher's World* (August 30, 1923). An article by Mr. Bartlett in the *Christian Science Monitor* beginning with these words: "The smallest theatre in Rome is also the best." Mr. E. Beresford Chancellor has not only written about the theatre, but has composed a little play, an episode out of Dickens' child-life with a vision of some of his most renowned characters, which it is hoped may be given in the near future.

In the German press several notices about the T.d.P. have appeared; and the *Berliner Local-Anzeiger* ends with these words: "It is a little jewel of which Rome may be proud."

The *Mercure de France* a long article appeared a few months ago, and in the *Revue Musical* (Feb. 1923), Henri Prümères is keen on pointing out the perfect harmony between the voices and the movements which give to the performance a note of wistful enchantment.

Fame.

Though the T.d.P. has its permanent home in Rome, yet its fame has spread so far that large and small towns in Italy have clamoured for it. On its journeys it has performed in about twenty Italian theatres, while last summer it went on a triumphant tour in South America. The visit to London has been the first venture in a "European" capital. Besides Rome and London was preferred to Paris (le Vieux Colomby) Brussels, Berlin and Madrid whence offers of engagements have come, because it has been felt that that large type of velvety enchantment and subdued colours would readily respond to the appeal of the little wooden dolls from sunny Italy, who were bringing with them one wee little patch of brightness.

Now they are eagerly looking forward to their trip across the Atlantic, and happily for them, the marionettes are not afraid of the mighty skyscrapers that will greet them on their arrival: they will appear more than ever illusory, but their aim is high and they aspire for ever to fulfil the artistic programme they set out with.

Repertoire.

Their repertoire is very varied and complete, and they readily adapt their own diminutive personalities to perform all kinds of unexpected turns from acrobatics to Russian dancing, from variety songs to most pathetic lyrical expression. Dr. Podrecca has exhorted them some of the most delightful light comic operas of Italy such as Rossini's "Occasion makes the thief" and "The Magician", Donizetti's "Betty" and "Peergolesi's "La serva padrona". Some of the best-known fairy tales set to music by such artists as Massenet (Cinderella) the Russian Cesar Cui (Puss in Boots) and Respighi's "Sleeping Beauty" which, as a matter of fact was specially composed for these Roman Marionettes, the libretto being a very original rendering of the traditional fairy tale, written by Gian Bistolfi.

While the marionettes bow to the decrees of art with a sincerity and faithfulness that real artists sometimes lack, they make you feel their complete enjoyment in the performance of their parts and the fun that you derive in watching them make you forget that they are not really alive. When Bill-Bill, the little nigger with the tight-rope swings to and fro with a gusto that is unsurpassed by any acrobat on the stage, his vigour seems most uncanny, and you breathlessly expect that at any moment he might let go his rope and suddenly bounce through the audience.

It is very interesting to note that Dr. Podrecca has any amount of unquesional testimonials from all kinds of people from top to bottom, and are and have been felt that they are well entitled to their appointment by writing to him along the following lines:

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Giovanni Papini (the author of the Life of Christ): "This little theatre is the only one to which a man of imaginative mind can go without fear of being disillusioned".

M. Enrico Bossi, the great organist and composer:

The T.d.P. is the triumph of a spiritual mission. Our artistic sense is awakened through this manifestation of art which is embodied in a vast and varied programme, produced with decorative magnificence, admirable historical accuracy as regards costumes and scenery, simple yet perfect musical expression; and unconsciously we acquire taste and understanding which prepare the spirit for higher aesthetic enjoyments. The T.d.P. is the theatre of prodigies; it amuses, entertains and educates the young; it comforts and rejuvenates the old."

Roberto Bracco, the dramatist:

"I adore the T.d.P. because by now I have come to hate the theatre of the big ones, both on the stage and in life. Grandeur is the ruin of the world. Humanity must become little again to conquer love and peace and happiness. The children represent that part of humanity which is nearest to happiness, peace, love, and which is therefore ever nearer to perfection."

The T.d.P. is the theatre of the best part of humanity."

Ferruccio Busoni, the incomparable pianist:

"The T.d.P. is infinitely dear to me; plays that are given there are admirable and will meet with success anywhere. When I first became acquainted with this Roman Marionette theatre the performance of a little Rossini opera I saw there made the greatest impression on me that I have ever had in my artistic life."

Alfredo Casella who met with a very hearty reception in New York only a short time ago:

"It is one of the most wonderful and delightful theatres of Europe."

Craza Deledda, the charming Sardinian novelist:

"Seldom has a theatre seemed to me so alive with beauty and gracefulness as the T.d.P."

Conrad Ricci, the art-critic:

The T.d.P. is a good lesson for the theatre of the grown-ups.

Dario Niccodemi, the dramatist:

"The marionettes and the puppets of the T.d.P. will come back from each one of their journeys crowned with laurels and mystic little idols of Italian genius, because they carry away with them beyond the borders of their native land over the Ocean the loveliness which for so long has been theirs."

I am so glad to think that this institution will be known all over the world; for it is a combat-proof, of the incalculable vivacity, of their Italian temperament."

It may be interesting to note that there still exist in Italy some of the old fashioned puppets—Theatres where the melodrama is acted and where the language spoken is the dialect of the province. These theatres are to be found in Sicily, Calabria, where the puppets play in (Gela, Sciacca, etc.) and kindred towns. They are called the "Gambetta di Sicilia". In Sicily, the puppets are the most remarkable puppets in the world.

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